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or Mills?
Atkinson's
verdict**

Euro Championship Action
I can take the stick!
says Malcolm Allison

IN COLOUR: Ipswich
Shilton Langan
Swindlehurst
Waldron

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OVER the past few weeks our offices have been flooded with letters from football fans of all ages living throughout Britain and Europe.

Your encouragement and interest have made us feel welcome and have told us what we most wanted to hear - that **MATCH WEEKLY** is the soccer magazine you have been waiting for.

Unfortunately it is just not possible to reply to so many letters as quickly as we would like. So if you have not yet received a reply to your letter, please be patient and bear with us. I can assure you that we will endeavour to answer all your letters, but it will take time.

In the meantime, thank you and keep the letters coming. If you have a point of view to express, a question for our experts or an idea that you would like to see introduced into the magazine, write to me at **MATCH WEEKLY**, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough PE1 1UB. I'd love to hear from you.



The heat has been piling on Manchester City's coach Malcolm Allison for his team's indifferent start to the season. But now City's youngsters are justifying Allison's confidence. Allison talks to MATCH WEEKLY on Page 12.

For our part, we will make sure that we keep up the high standards set by our early issues. This week, as usual, we are first with the features that count. Manchester City boss Malcolm Allison talks fully and frankly about the job ahead - and the job he left behind at Crystal Palace; and our star interviews include Brighton's Peter Ward, Southampton's Malcolm Waldron and Orient's John Chiedoie.

Golden Goal features John Matthews' cracker for Sheffield United against Oxford and Club Spotlight visits Cardiff City.

We also bring you ELEVEN full-colour pages, along with our unique cut-out-and-keep Match Facts results service. And we announce more than 100 winners in our 'Win a Euro Championship trip to Italy' competition.

So remember that Thursday is **MATCH** day - and don't miss your copy. It's the magazine others cannot MATCH.

Melvyn Bagnall
The Editor

Fixtures

Friday, Oct. 26

Division Three

Southend v Chesterfield.....

Division Four

Doncaster v Portsmouth.....

Rochdale v Northampton.....

Tranmere v Scunthorpe.....

Saturday, Oct. 27

Division One

Bolton v C. Palace.....

Brighton v Norwich.....

Bristol C. v Arsenal.....

Everton v Man. U.....

Ipswich v Middlesbrough.....

Man. C. v Liverpool.....

Southampton v Leeds.....

Stoke v Derby.....

Spurs v Nottm. Forest.....

W.B.A. v Coventry.....

Wolves v Aston Villa.....

Division Two

Birmingham v S'bury.....

Charlton v Cardiff.....

Chelsea v Fulham.....

Leicester v Sunderland.....

Luton v Preston.....

Newcastle v Cambridge.....

Notts. Co. v West Ham.....

Orient v Bristol R.....

Q.P.R. v Burnley.....

Swansea v Oldham.....

Wrexham v Watford.....

Division Three

Barnsley v Chester.....

Blackburn v Colchester.....

Blackpool v Swindon.....

Grimsby v Rotherham.....

Hull v Exeter.....

Mansfield v Gillingham.....

Oxford v Carlisle.....

Plymouth v Brentford.....

Reading v Bury.....

Sheff. U. v Millwall.....

Wimbledon v Sheff. Wed.....

Division Four

Bradford v Bournemouth.....

Darlington v Peterborough.....

Hartlepool v Crewe.....

Hereford v Aldershot.....

Huddersfield v York.....

Lincoln v Stockport.....

Newport v Wigan.....

Torquay v Halifax.....

Walsall v Port Vale.....

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Premier Division

Celtic v Rangers.....

Dundee U. v Kilmarnock.....

Hibernian v Aberdeen.....

Partick T. v Morton.....

St. Mirren v Dundee.....

Division One

Arbroath v Motherwell.....

Ayr U. v Hearts.....

Berwick R. v D'f'line.....

Clydebank v Clyde.....

Hamilton A. v Dumbarton.....

Raith R. v Airdrie.....

Stirling v St. Johnstone.....

Division Two

Alloa v Stenhousemuir.....

Cowdenbeath v East Fife.....

Falkirk v East Stirling.....

Forfar A. v Brechin C.....

Meadowbank v Montrose.....

Q' of South v Stranraer.....

Queens' Park v Albion R.....

*Scottish and English League Cup fixtures on page 33.

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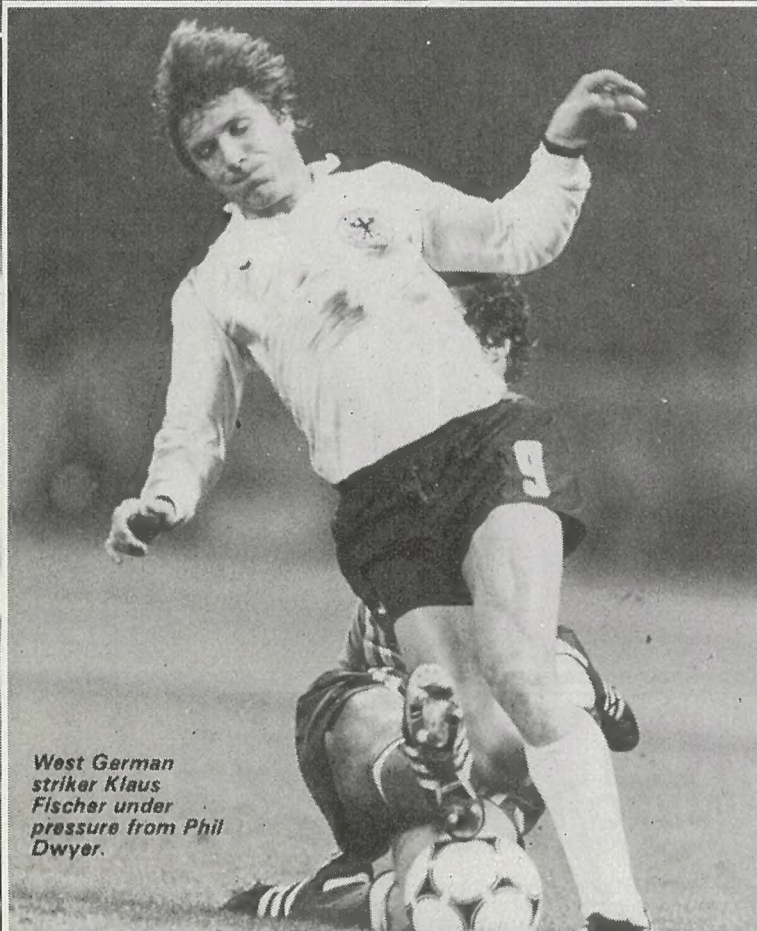
TAKE FIVE...



RIGHT: Two-goal Trevor Francis, turning it on against the Irish. LEFT: Sammy McIlroy challenged by England's Wilkins and Woodcock (11).

N. Ireland 1
England 5
(in Belfast)

W. Germany 5
Wales 1
(in Cologne)



West German striker Klaus Fischer under pressure from Phil Dwyer.



Bernd Cullmann shakes off a challenge from Peter Nicholas.

ENGLAND have surely booked their ticket for the finals of the Championships in Rome with their 5-1 win over NORTHERN IRELAND in Belfast.

The Nottingham Forest duo of Tony Woodcock and Trevor Francis paid real dividends — both scoring twice.

South of the border, EIRE beat BULGARIA 3-0, but even that fine win still means they are four points behind England. England would have to lose their last two games in disastrous fashion and Eire win their for England to miss out.

WALES aspirations of qualifying were also dealt a crushing blow when they were beaten 5-1 by WEST GERMANY.

The result moved West Germany to the top of Group Seven. The Germans had only scored two goals in their previous three matches, but they sank Wales with three goals in nine minutes near the end of the first half.

West Germany are now favourites to qualify from their group. They now have the same points as Wales, but still have

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...TAKE THAT!

Scotland 1 Austria 1
(in Glasgow)

Eire 3 Bulgaria 0
(in Dublin)



Steve Heighway buckles under a Bulgarian tackle, but Heighway had the last laugh as Eire went on to win 3-0.

★EUROPEAN
CHAMPIONSHIP
'MATCH FACTS' and
Up-to-date tables are on
page 31.

● From the previous page

two games to play at home to MALTA and TURKEY. Wales have one match left.

SCOTLAND'S hopes of qualifying for the finals of the European Championships were virtually ended when AUSTRIA held them to a 1-1 draw at Hampden.

BELGIUM kept up the guessing game about which country will qualify from Group Two by beating PORTUGAL 2-0 to climb into second spot in the table.

Belgium now trail Austria by one point, but have a game in hand. Portugal in turn have a game in hand on Belgium.

Portugal are only two points adrift of group leaders Austria with two games in hand.

Scotland's John Robertson bursts past Weber (3)



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THE GOALPOST

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I WONDER how many youngsters reading **MATCH WEEKLY** realise the pitfalls associated with becoming a professional footballer or football manager.

I'll tell you something — my lads do because they have found out the hard way what it's like to have a dad who earns his living from the game.

My elder son, Simon, is 15 and taking his 'O' levels, the younger one, Nigel, is 13 . . . and they are both dead keen on watching and playing football.

But they have got first-hand knowledge of the hazards that go with making a career in the game. They are well-qualified to explain the problems it might bring.

Don't get me wrong — I'm not telling youngsters with stars in their eyes to turn their backs on a potential career. What I want to do is mark their card by telling them that football is not all a bed of roses, medals and fat pay cheques.

School

Let's take the playing side first. There's little doubt that you have a greater chance of winning the premium bonds than breaking into the game — so that puts it straight into perspective.

If I was recommending youngsters these days I would tell them to carry on at school, college or university, make sure they had got a sound education behind them and then if football still took their fancy then have a crack at it.

Having said that, as a football manager, it's often my job to sign schoolboys, who have great academic potential. Take Steve Powell, for example. When I signed him for Derby County some years back his headmaster, Mr Chapman, registered his protest about him coming into football at an early age.

There are other youngsters I feel sorry for because of their parents. They bring little Jimmy in and

STAR STRUCK!

...Don't be, get yourself a career first

Gary Mills, in action against AEK Athens when he became the youngest player to take part in the European Cup.

having shown a bit of an aptitude for goalkeeping or goalscoring they think he's going to be another Peter Shilton or Trevor Francis.

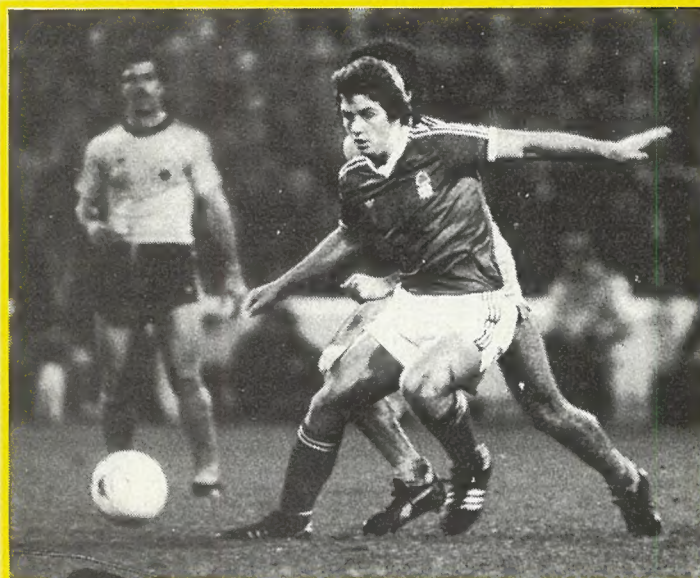
Some young lads feel that they have already made it themselves. But that's like a schoolboy getting a few sums right and going home and telling his dad he's going to be another Einstein.

At Nottingham Forest we are lucky to have at least one young man who we think has got a future in the game. I'm talking about Gary Mills, who is not yet 18 but has already played with the League Champions and European Cup winners. But for all his talent and temperament, he's not arrived yet by any means because there will be times ahead for him when things go wrong.

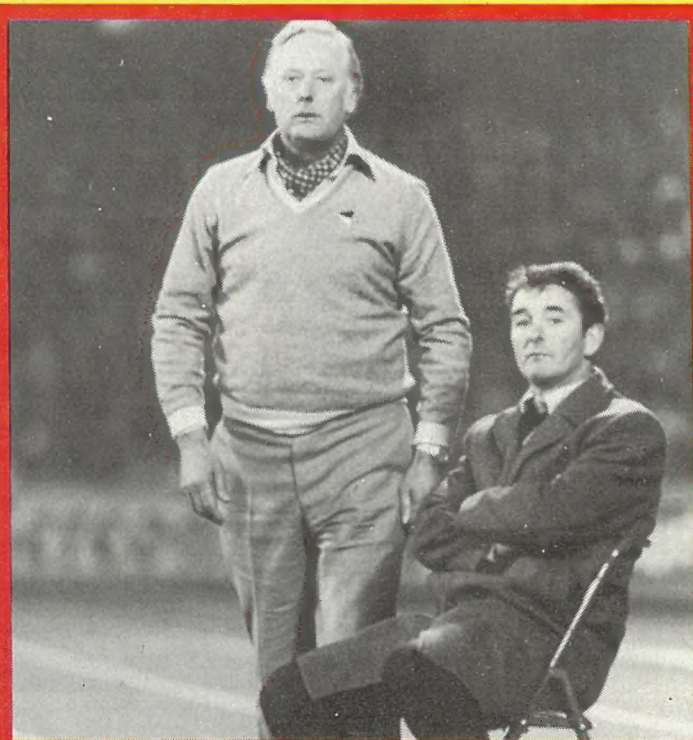
All I can say is that Gary has got a better chance than most of succeeding because he's got more ability than most . . . it's as simple as that.

And trying to secure a position in management is even more precarious — and unrewarding — than actually playing.

The casualty rate among managers is probably higher than



Clough



ABOVE: Brian Clough and his assistant Peter Taylor . . . always on the look-out for young players, whom they encourage to get a career under their belt before they join the professional ranks.

LEFT: Jason Batson . . . no doubt will receive some sound advice before he follows in father Brendan's footsteps.

in any other job . . . and when you are actually working it can be anything but happy.

It's inevitable that your home life suffers. The other week when we came home from Sweden after our European Cup game, I didn't get to bed until about 4 a.m.

I was up again at 7.30 — not because I had to, but because if I didn't it was going to be another day gone without seeing my kids. My wife could easily have taken them to school, but that wasn't the point.

Holidays

It's the same with holidays. People reckon that I take more holidays than most, but it's not true. It only appears that way because every time I go away somebody writes about it!

Most fathers can leave their office or factory floor on a Friday at five o'clock and go home and spend the weekends with their families — not so with a football manager.

And when you go home it's inevitable that you take some of the problems that accumulate during the day and week home with you.

So don't anyone envy my kids for having a father who is a football manager because they and I can tell you a different story.



Getting shirty on the blind side!

WEST Bromwich Albion centre-half John Wile pulled the wool – or should we say shirt! – over referee Keith Hackett's eyes when he made this tearaway challenge on Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish in this season's League clash at Anfield.

It looked impossible for even will o' the wisp Kenny to escape when he collected the ball among a ruck of black and white striped shirts.

But the darting, deviating striker showed why he is rated among the quickest and most skilful players in the game by eluding their challenges – that is until John Wile decided to take a hand!

Clutching at straws, the big Brom defender grabbed a handful of red shirt and hung on. And with Kenny positioned between him and the offence, Mr Hackett was unaware of the shirty challenge.

But as you can see from our superb sequence of MATCH ACTION photographs, it was no tug of love for the frustrated Kenny – more a ripping yarn!



Newsbriefs



Back hand

NOTTS. COUNTY's Yugoslav international goalkeeper Raddy Avramovic was in for a shock when he went along to the local tennis club to present prizes.

For the man on the receiving end of most of them was team-mate Don Masson. The former Scottish international picked up the men's singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles awards.

Avramovic was something of a smash hit himself on the football field until an ankle ligament injury sidelined him last month.

He had conceded only two goals in his first six matches for Jimmy Sirrel's men and was rapidly building a massive reputation.

But the 29-year-old goalkeeper has had the plaster removed from his ankle and is back in training at Meadow Lane.

"BEST YET," SAYS KEN

SUNDERLAND's manager Ken Knighton made the long trip back to the North-East firmly convinced his team deserved better than the 2-0 defeat at the hands of high-riding Luton recently.

Knighton thought it was without a doubt Sunderland's best away performance of the season.

"I thought our lads played very well - they created more chances than Luton. I couldn't believe how the ball stayed out of their net - especially in the first half. Their 'keeper kept them in the game, but I thought we were the better team."

Luton's manager David Pleat accepted that Sunderland shaded the first half: "It was nothing like us in the first 45 minutes," he said.

"But we battled well against a side that looked at first as though it was going to do us. I was pleased with the result and the way we played in the second half."



Curran lured back

IT MAY seem a long way from Wembley and Hampden Park, but former Scottish International striker Hugh Curran (above) is still enjoying his football, playing for Banbury United in the Southern League.

The former Manchester United, Millwall, Norwich, Wolves, Bolton and Oxford striker was forced to give up league football last year because of knee injuries.

He just seemed to be settling down to the quiet life of running the Cavalier pub in Oxford with his wife Chris when the lure of the game proved too much and out came the boots.

His presence at Banbury has transformed the club, who now head the league with the help of a couple of Curran's 40-yard free kicks and bullet headers.

It must seem a long way from a warm May afternoon in 1971 when Curran scored Scotland's only goal in their 3-1 defeat against England at Wembley - the only goal scored against Gordon Banks in the home international series that year.

Up, down and out

WATFORD striker Ross Jenkins had a real up-and-down week recently.

The high spot came when he received a Rothmans Merit Award for his goal-scoring feats last season.

But four days later he was down in the dumps after breaking an ankle in the 1-0 defeat by Swansea.

It will certainly put Jenkins out of action for two or three weeks.

One person who will certainly miss him is his striking partner Luther Blissett, but he must still have looked forward to Saturday's game against Newcastle. It was against the Geordie side that it all started to go right for Blissett.

First, the good news

TUESDAY, October 9, was a day that won't quickly be forgotten in the Mabbutt household!

That was the day Kevin Mabbutt, 20-year-old son of former full-back Ray Mabbutt learnt he had been dropped by First Division Bristol City.

And the same day that his younger brother 18-year-old Gary Mabbutt was called up by rival Bristol Rovers for their Second Division match at Luton.

It can't have happened that often - two footballing brothers sharing some distinctly differing news on the same day!



Kevin Mabbutt . . . mixed fortunes for him and brother Gary.

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Home-but no regrets

ALTHOUGH Linfield midfielder Stephen McKee spent just over two years with Sheffield United, he is far from disillusioned with English football.

It was the experience of a lifetime for him. "I had always aimed for cross-channel football and it was a dream come true when it actually happened," said McKee.

"At the start everything went according to plan, I played nine first-team matches but then came a managerial change.

"I never got a place after that. Perhaps it was because if I had appeared in ten matches, Linfield would have picked up another £10,000 from the transfer fee."

Now McKee is back home with the Blues, determined to collect a winner's medal. "I've never had one in my entire career," he said.

MATCH WEEKLY - IT'S THE MAGAZINE THE PLAYERS READ

BRIAN GREENHOFF, Leeds and England: "I go out and buy MATCH WEEKLY because it's bang up to date and carries all the latest results. It seems to be doing very well - I was impressed with it."



Stripes give game away

IT's not always the easiest thing accurately to gauge the distance of a goal-bound shot.

But Bristol City's Jimmy Mann knows for certain that he beat Nottingham Forest keeper Peter Shilton with a 40-yard screamer at Ashton Gate.

How is he so certain of the distance? The West Country club record all their matches for playback on a video machine and the replay showed quite clearly that when Mann struck the ball there were 26 stripes between him and the penalty area.

And after groundsman Geoff Warren explained that he used a 30in. mower to give the Ashton Gate pitch the striped effect it was quite easy to work out the distance of the shot that beat Shilton!

For those of you who aren't mathematically minded that's nearly 22 yards to the edge of the box - and then another 18 yards to the goal-line. For his goal - described as the best ever at Ashton Gate - Mann wore a pair of new boots - half a size too big!



SOCCER SHORTS

LUTON Town have announced a unique scheme to attract more fans to home games . . . by giving away free tickets!

Anyone living in Leighton Buzzard can watch the Hatters home game with Preston next Saturday for nothing.

Home attendances at Kenilworth Road still haven't reached satisfactory proportions despite the teams success on the pitch.

The club looked at Leighton Buzzard and realised it was a source of potential extra support. Now anyone writing to the club from the town - enclosing a stamped addressed envelope - will get a complimentary ticket. If the scheme's a success it may be expanded to other towns.



Controversial Stan Bowles (above) stirred up a Hornets' nest after he had taken a few knocks in the game against Watford by saying: "Some of their players should be driving sand lorries round the Watford dog track."

Trouble in the west

IT'S BEEN a troubled start to the new season for Bristol Rovers boss Bobby Campbell, with gates at Eastville sinking lower and lower after a succession of defeats.

He's been under pressure from fans and directors alike; he's had a clear-the-air meeting with player-coach Terry Cooper; and he's escaped with his life, when he almost fell asleep at the wheel on his way back from watching a match at Cardiff.

Admitted Campbell: "It's not been a good start to the season. But everything was put into perspective by the motorway incident. Fortunately I had a friend with me in the passenger seat and he realised what was happening and stopped me crashing into the central reservation."



HARRIS pork pies proved easy meat for Ipswich's Mick Mills, Paul Mariner and John Wark (above). But the talented trio were unable to get their teeth into the Liverpool team they faced a few days later - the Reds returning home with a 2-1 victory.

The Portman Road game was sponsored by Harris and Town's international threesome took time off to tour the meat products factory.

Fashanu is national choice

NORWICH CITY's coloured jewel Justin Fashanu was named Robinson's Barley Water 'Young Player of the Month' for September.

Eighteen-year-old Fashanu was the national choice of the top-name panel whose area selections were: North West - Tommy Caton (Man. City); North East - Craig Johnston (Middlesbrough); Midlands - Bryan Robson (W.B.A.); London and South -

Vince Hilaire (Crystal Palace); Wales and West - Martin Thomas (Bristol Rovers).

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● SWANSEA officials had a little trouble getting Watford player Ray Train's name right in the programme for the recent match.

His name went into the match-day magazine as R. Carlisle. Fact is, Train played for Carlisle before joining the Hornets!

REPORTERS covering Leeds United's home games are probably the most informed in the Football League.

For every game at Elland Road, United prepare a special match information sheet for the press that not only includes results of previous League games between the clubs, but up-to-date team news, a list of latest scorers and tit-bits about the game. The information sheet is commonplace in the United States and the press boys have found it a welcome innovation over here.

Easy, England?



IT HAS been said that the 1982 World Cup draw favours England, but that is not quite accurate. The way in which FIFA have arranged things favours most of the powerful European countries.

They only have to produce something like their normal form to make the trip to sunny Spain inevitable.

As for England's chances should they qualify, only the insanely patriotic would give us a chance at this stage of lifting the trophy.

I would describe the qualifying draw as being commercial. There's no way that FIFA would wish to see the big countries and their numerous supporters prevented from filling the Spanish stadia because of a simple matter of not qualifying!

Where the draw does favour England is that we are in a group of five countries with Hungary, Norway, Rumania and Switzerland. As we have proved by our performances in the European Championship, the more matches played in qualifying competitions, the more it suits our 'hard-to-beat' style.

It's true we could lose an odd game or two, but the grinding nature of our League conditions our players to getting results over a series of matches.

Jock Stein is not unhappy about Scotland's draw in Group Six with Sweden, Portugal and Northern Ireland. It's true that a Scottish team playing up to form would undoubtedly get into the top two, but they have some way to go yet

Wait for it...

in their team building before they can be sure.

Sweden always raise their game in the World Cup competition; Portugal are a match for any team on their day and Northern Ireland could well produce the inspiration to shock many of the others.

I see that group being desperately close and, if it is, any of those countries could suffer bitter disappointment.

I like the way that Mike Smith has reacted to Wales' draw in Group Three with Russia, Czechoslovakia, Turkey and Iceland. Of course, the Czechs and Russia are favourites, but Mike has enough confidence in the team he has carefully built over the years to know that those countries will be under pressure while Wales enjoy the freedom of being dangerous challengers.

Excitement

It would not be disgraceful if they failed to qualify — but think of the glory and the excitement if they did.

The other European teams I feel sorry for are Poland and East Germany in Group Seven, where one of them has to go. Malta are in with them just for the ride, but unfortunately it won't be to one of the more lighthearted European capitals.

In Group Two, judging by the way they played in the last competition, Holland and France should make it, but with teams such as Belgium and Eire in the same group they will not find the going easy.



Here's a scene which could well be re-enacted in Spain in 1982 if Scotland qualify in their group . . . Kenny Dalglish challenging Daniel Passarella, captain of World Champions, Argentina.

From South America, Argentina qualify automatically as holders and could be equally as dangerous this time, with many of their star players such as Ardiles, Kempes, and Villa having enjoyed valuable overseas experience.

Inevitably, Brazil will be there, probably accompanied by Uruguay and Chile.

From Asia/Oceania I expect to see North and South Korea making the running with Iran (providing the political upheaval has not destroyed its chance) leading the Arab nations.

Favourites

From the North/Central America zone Mexico seem to be favourites, but I can see the United States of America, unsuccessfully I'm afraid, making a most determined bid based on the experience their players have enjoyed in the improving North American Soccer League.

It's fascinating to see the way the game is moving in the developing countries over the years and also to try and assess the amount of progress being made around the world.

In time Africa will become as strong as South America and the Far East footballers might easily do as well as Isao Aoki in the world of golf.

Of all the teams in the past few years, my guess is that the Koreans, both North and South, have made most progress.

For the time being though, when it comes down to it, the winners will inevitably come from the 1982 big five — West Germany, Holland, Brazil, Argentina, and you can't discount the host nation, Spain. England have the best chance of the home countries, although, as I said, you can't be over optimistic at this stage. But there's a year or two to go yet!



Czech manager Josef Venglos has ample reason to look worried, Wales and Russia are the chief threat to the Czechs.

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IT'S ONLY three years since I graduated at University, but like to think that I can remember enough about basic economics to give me a small insight into football finance.

That is why I've always maintained that paying out enormous transfer fees will not bring about the downfall of English League football as we know it.

A great percentage of transfer fees are kept within the game - so how people can

condemn it as 'money down the drain' is beyond me.

In fact, in a great many cases, transferred players can have invaluable influence within the club.

Take the case of Andy Gray and Wolves. Newspapers this week have been quoting John Barnwell, rightly pointing out that since the arrival of Gray, the gates at Molineux have increased by 10,000 - 11,000. I don't suppose it can all be put down to Andy, but I'm sure his purchase is a factor.

Applying the same principle to Nottingham Forest, then it might seem that Trevor Francis, the first £1 million footballer, has failed in comparison - as attendances have not markedly increased since his arrival.

But from a purely financial point of view, the bank manager at Forest would have been more than a little worried had not Trevor scored the goal which made Forest European Champions.

European football is a big money spinner to the clubs and in view of Forest's new ground expansion, it is a vital source of revenue.

The other £1 million-plus player, Steve Daley, has not had the same immediate impact. However, heavy investors never expect quick returns.

Steve's value will be determined over the years at Maine Road and if his attitude is anything to go by, then the City public will be repaid in full.

These players, I hope, prove that big transfers will not be the death of the game. Yet it is obvious to all that this money could be used to greater advantage in other areas.

Everybody, myself included, complains about the conditions of some of our stadiums. Football is an entertainment in a very competitive area and if it is to maintain its edge over other activities then its facilities



Steve Daley . . . City fans will be repaid in full one day.



will have to be attractive to spectators.

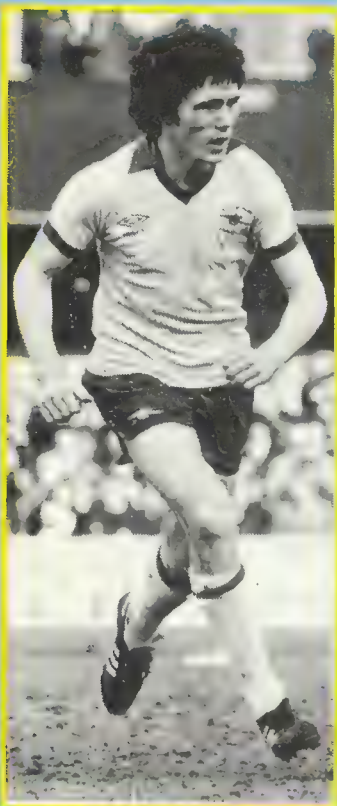
The only way that football can divert money away from the transfer market to other areas is to try to make clubs more aware of their own scouting and apprentice systems. Just for my own amusement, I went through all the teams in the First Division to see which clubs had the greatest number of 'home-grown' players.

As expected, Crystal Palace were among the leaders with approximately seven.

The East Anglian clubs, Ipswich and Norwich, were also there with six or seven each week apiece.

But the team right up there with seven players almost every week is Arsenal, renowned as one of the game's big spenders. They have Rice, Nelson, O'Leary, Rix, Brady, Price and Stapleton. These players have come through their youth system and are priceless on the transfer market.

Languishing at the bottom are the two Merseyside clubs, who have only two or three Liverpoolians in their team each week. This is strange since Merseyside is such a footballing hot bed. The rest of the First Division are not much better off, with on average four to five players going through the ranks.



Frank Stapleton . . . he's come up through the ranks at Arsenal.

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I can take the stick

MALCOLM Allison's decision to ditch a batch of experienced international players in favour of untried youngsters gave British football its most vibrant talking point of the new season.

Showman Allison, back on the circuit of cigars and champagne, was stepping even further into the outrageous than he had ever done before. Cash flowed from Manchester City's cheque book like bubbly from one of Allison's bottles – and the untested, ambitious youngsters, providing merely hope for the future, came in to carry Allison's and City's hopes.

It really was an extraordinary first two months of the season for Manchester City and Allison. The City side was barely recognisable from that of last year, yet Allison sticks by his decisions.

He boldly told *MATCH WEEKLY*: "I would sooner be living with the present team than with last year's. I am a lot happier this year than I was then. People talk of all the internationals being a better bet than the kids. But for a start I don't consider our standard of internationals is very high. And for another, players come to certain stages where they don't want to change.

"They don't want to learn any more and I felt that was very

But keep off my players, warns Malcolm Allison

bad for professional players. I have got players now who want to learn and improve, so I am very pleased with the situation."

That was Allison's reply to the criticisms from press and public alike that this time, he had really bitten off more than he could chew. But once more, it looks as though the Big Man may prove to be correct.

Once City got over a nervous start which exposed their inexperience as a side, things began to take a turn for the better in late September, early October. A win at Leeds, an away point at Arsenal were just two results confirming that City were learning and improving ... fast.

Allison says: "I don't take any notice of the stick people give me. It doesn't affect me at all. The press and media have lived off people like myself and they seem to enjoy criticising without any real reason.

"The thing that does worry me, though, is that the criticism does have an effect on the younger players and that is why we have to get results – so that they don't get the

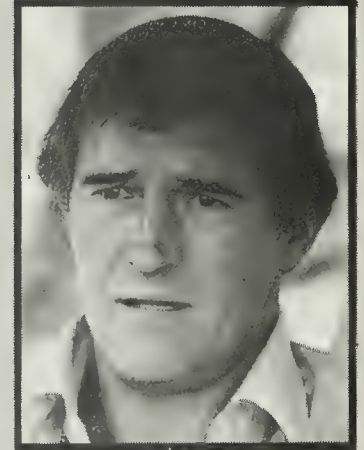
confidence knocked out of them.

"It is difficult to say how far we are towards getting it right. We haven't really played any exceptional sides yet this season so it's difficult to tell how much progress we have made.

"But the lads are playing with confidence; they believe in themselves and there are a few good things coming together.

"It gives me a great thrill to see it starting to come right for us. When moves click in a match; when we put together in a game something we have been working on in training; when you see young players do things you knew they were capable of but hadn't seen them do for some time. Those are the pleasures of life. They make all the hard work worthwhile."

Allison asserts: "It is coming, gradually. But as for our best players, I have been especially pleased with three of them so far. The best has been full-back Ray Ranson. He has made an absolutely outstanding start to the season. Ranson and Kenny Sanson, of Crystal Palace, could



Malcolm Allison ... "I would sooner be living with the present team than last year's."

be two very bright international full-backs for England in the 1982 World Cup. They are both super players.

"Tommy Caton, our centre-back, has done extremely well, too. He only reached his 17th birthday on the day of the Arsenal match in early October, but he has played football of far greater maturity than that of a 16-year-old. He is an exceptional boy, an exceptional player and so is Steve MacKenzie. They have all done very well but I am really pleased with those three."

Allison believes that his young side will 'make great strides' in the game. The side Allison is currently building at Maine Road and the one he helped create at Crystal Palace make a fascinating comparison. Palace, now under Terry Venables, have made a fine start to the season. Does that surprise Allison, the man who brought several of the current Palace first team to Selhurst Park, when he was in charge there?

"No. I told everybody last year that Palace would win the Second Division championship – and I said it before the season started. I told our chairman before this season began that Palace would finish in the first four in Division One. I still stick to that.

"They are a very well equipped side and those young players are only going to get better. I think Palace will be up there and will surprise lots of people this year. My side is not so well adjusted as theirs. But they have been playing together now for four years. Terry has bought wisely. Flanagan and Francis have been very good for the side and the goalkeeper, John Burridge, has done brilliantly for them. The belief in those young players and belief in the club is tremendous.

"That is the difference between Crystal Palace now and when I went there in 1973. They were conditioned to losing then. Now, they are conditioned to winning. I am delighted for them."



Steve MacKenzie, Manchester City's 17-year-old, challenges Palace's Gerry Francis.

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First come, First served

LIFE has been hard for First Division newcomers Brighton. And it's been especially tough for Albion's star striker, Peter Ward.

The young man who cost the club just £2,000 from non-League Burton Albion, produced performances which rocketed him into the £½ million bracket as Brighton surged out of the Second Division.

But both Ward and Brighton have found that life is a very different proposition in First Division football. As Ward says: "Here, the chances are few and far between. If you miss one, you know you'll live to regret it, whereas in the Second Division you didn't worry so much if you missed a chance because you knew another would come along within a few minutes."

That's Ward's assessment of the main difference between soccer in the First Division and Second Division. Fewer mistakes mean fewer chances — hence the need to snap up those chances that are offered.

Unhappily, Ward had few successful moments in front of goal in Brighton's first 8 or 10 matches as a First Division side. He missed chances he was putting away with little trouble last season — and the lack of goals impeded Brighton's prospects of settling as a First Division side worthy of the name.

Ward admits: "It has taken me a while to adapt. It is a lot quicker in this division; you have got to think quicker and be quicker in taking the chances. It is a lot sharper in the two penalty areas in First Division matches."

"I must admit, I have been out of it in a



Peter Ward . . . learning that mistakes in the First Division can be costly.

Life is hard on Division 1 newcomers

few games. And then I've missed a chance that has come along and that has tended to put more pressure on me. There is plenty of time for those playing in two-thirds of the field in First Division football. But get into the penalty area and it's a different story. You don't get much time in the box and that's where I have to work.

"Our defenders have also noticed the difference. You make one mistake and it's in the net, but in the Second Division that wasn't always the case."

Ward, however, isn't worried about living up to his big reputation as a top quality striker. "I have had a few off games," he admits. "I started off quite well, but then struggled a little. But despite that, I will improve."

"Teddy Maybank and I have been working well together. But he has missed a few through injury and when you're trying to settle as a pair, that doesn't help matters. Ted is already showing what a good First Division player he will be. He hit the post and the bar with headers against Southampton and we were dead unlucky not to score that day. He has scored other goals and has looked the part."

Ward dismisses suggestions that his early season problems at Brighton, made it inevitable he would struggle in the early part of the season. Ward was on the verge of leaving the club, spending almost two months on the transfer list and claiming he wanted to go. It was only a couple of days before the new season started that he finally agreed to come off the list — and start competing for a first-team place.

What was the trouble about? "It was a personal matter really," says Ward. "I have got two years of my contract to run and I am happy to forget about the summer problems. I was close to going, but I am quite happy now."

Confidence

"I am not worried about proving I can do well in the First Division to other people . . . but I would like to prove it to myself. I have confidence in my own ability, but a few more goals would help me really settle. I think all strikers want goals early in a new season especially when they're new to a division."

"In our case, everything is new and it's inevitable we will take time to find our feet. No-one thought we'd walk into Division One and trounce everyone each week. It just doesn't happen that way."

Ward says that Brighton will steadily improve as the season develops. "We got trounced by Arsenal in our first match but we have learned all the time since then. We murdered Bolton and Ipswich; might have beaten Southampton and got a great point at West Brom with a fine comeback. It showed things were on the move. Maybe we need a bit more strength in the squad but I'm convinced we will hold our own this season, and finish in mid-table."

New Orient Express

IT'S A long way from Lagos to London and if you were to say that the two cities were oceans apart in terms of football ability then you might not find too many people to argue the point.

But there is one young man down in East London who is making a good job of bridging the gap and that is John Chiedozie of Orient.

John, only 19 years old now, arrived some 11 years ago with his parents and has taken to our national game with relish. So much so, in fact, that he has already represented England at youth level.

Not that this means that he has forsaken his native Nigeria for good. "If the chance came to represent Nigeria at full international level then I would have to give it very serious consideration," he says.



John Chiedozie . . . for him, football is a sport first and a job second.

But it hasn't all been roses for John since he joined Orient four years ago. He suffered the serious set-back of a broken leg and has now fully recovered from this — only to get a severe groin strain which is pegging him back at the moment.

Yet John, a shy young man, is now on the mend and looking forward to enjoying his football once again. And enjoy it he does. "Football to me is a sport first and a job second," he states. "I'm not against all this big money business — good luck to the rich boys — but for me the money is a bonus for doing something which I enjoy."

He accepts that his speed is his main asset and, although he plays equally well as a striker or a winger, he says that he prefers making goals to scoring them.

"When I get the chance," he says, "I like to watch players like Steve Heighway, Dave Thomas and Steve Coppell in action. I also learn a considerable amount playing with Bobby Fisher, Joe Mayo and Ralph Coates and the boss (Jimmy Bloomfield) has taught me a lot."

The highlight of his games in the Second Division is playing away to West Ham. "I live nearer Upton Park than Orient and a lot of my friends are Hammers' fans so I like to go there and get geed up."

Has his colour caused him any problems on the field? "I used to take a bit of stick at one time," he replied, "but they used to get fed up with it before I did and it didn't affect me. I don't seem to notice any aggro now."

In his spare time John is not a bright-lights-and-disco's fan. He enjoys a game of snooker and has recently taken up golf.

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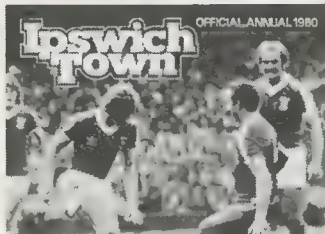
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THE DAYS of the big out and out centre-halves are vanishing – especially from First Division football. And unless the game alters drastically in style within the next decade, British football will never again see the type of footballers that once made the home game famous!

That's the view of one central defender with a First Division club. And, at first glance, it does seem that the facts bear out what Southampton's Malcolm Waldron is saying.

Waldron, recently selected for Ron Greenwood's England 'B' squad, is one of the most improved young central defenders in the First Division. And as every youngster in that position improves, so he is pencilled in as a possible replacement for England's Dave Watson, the man who has made England No. 5 shirt his own for the past few years.

But Waldron doesn't believe he or perhaps anyone will take over Watson's role when the Werder Bremen and ex-Manchester City defender retires from international football. Because Waldron believes that the days of such dominant, big, strong central defenders, are almost gone.

"Look at the past and the players there were" he says. "I can think of two that immediately come to mind – Liverpool's Ron Yeats and Southampton's John McGrath. Both rock hard players who dominated at the back, especially in the air.

"But the game has changed from when those players were around and today, I don't see any such role for big No. 5's. These days, forwards are working in pairs and are much nippier. Apart from Manchester United's Joe Jordan, who is an old fashioned type of centre-forward, strikers these days are generally smaller and more alert. They nip about, are far quicker and more mobile. That means you need quicker defenders to mark them, not huge blokes who dominate in the air.

"Quick strikers like Kenny Dalglish would turn and get past those players in a flash. Speed is the essential requirement for defenders in the modern day game and that's why I don't think the big No. 5 has such an important role in modern day football."

It's an interesting theory and Waldron may well be right. Certainly, he made his point yet again this season when he and his Southampton central defender Chris Nicholl marked Dalglish on Liverpool's visit to The Dell.

Waldron explained: "I cannot remember Kenny scoring against us in recent years. He didn't this time either and we beat them 3-2 even though we didn't have Allan Ball or Mike Channon in our side at that time. It proved a lot of things to us, that win . . . but the main point was that we could beat the best sides.

"Phil Thompson of Liverpool is another player who likes to play off a main defender. I'm the same. I am perhaps not strong enough physically to play a true No. 5's role; I much prefer to play off someone or alongside them anyway.

"I you need two ball winners in the central defensive positions. They must win the ball, cover, tackle, get forward and help in attack from time to time and also help cover each other. That lot requires speed and a big man would get murdered these days if he was a real old No. 5 in style and thinking."

Waldron has matured quietly in a Southampton side that is now promising great things this season. The Saints were bitterly disappointed to go out in the League Cup at Arsenal after playing some fine football for long spells.

But in the League, there is a solidity and consistent look about them which hasn't been there very often in previous years. And in players like Ball, Channon, George, Williams and Boyer they have individuals talented enough

says 'Saints'

Malcolm Waldron

to compare with anyone in First Division football. Behind it all, the clever guiding hand of Lawrie McMenemy steers his side onwards . . . and Southampton could have a very, very good season.

And what of Waldron, the young man who many are now tipping as a possible international prospect? "It's flattering to hear that and I was amazed when I was told I was in the England 'B' squad" he says. "I have been in the side for virtually four years now and had made over 100 appearances before the start of this season.

"Last season I came on a lot because I had a regular place. But I'm still learning and in my position you really need knowledge."

Nevertheless, Waldron is making steady consistent progress. And if he keeps doing that, he must make progress in the game.

RIGHT: "Kenny Dalglish is a quick striker but I cannot remember him scoring against me in recent years," says Waldron, who's marking him closely, here.



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THE bright young hope versus the experienced professional who has done it all — that's the task for analysis I have set myself this week.

Kenny Sansom, of Crystal Palace, is the young left-back who everyone is lauding; full of promise and zest for the game. Mick Mills, the Ipswich skipper, has seen it all and is still a more than useful competitor.

Sansom is the more skilful player. He has got a better touch on the ball, his control's better and I'd put him on a par with Ray Wilson, England's 1966 World Cup left-back.

He's naturally left footed which is a big advantage and, to be fair to our own left-back at West Brom, it's difficult to talk about Sansom without mentioning Derek Statham. I rate them very very similar in quality.

In-bred

Kenny can attack defenders and because the type of team he has been brought up in places more emphasis on skill, this is something that has been more in-bred into his play.

Mills is very comfortable on the ball. Because he tends to be right footed, he sometimes has to switch things inside and this allows

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players to get challenges on him. And when he delivers crosses into your box he doesn't put them in from such good angles as a natural left sided player would.

Having said that he knocked us out of the F.A. Cup Semi-Final with a superb left foot cross for Talbot to score with that flying header, so he's not without on his left side.

I don't think I have ever seen Mick Mills play a bad game, either for Ipswich or England, although I didn't see him make his England debut against Yugoslavia, when by all accounts Dragon Draic 'murdered' him. But he never lets his club or his country down.

Mick's always totally committed and one big plus in his favour is the knack he has of scoring vital goals. He takes up unusual positions at corners and free kicks and manages to sneak the odd goal.

Havoc

Talking of unusual things, when discussing Sansom you have to mention his long throw. It's a valuable weapon. He can use it as a relief from defence or, in an attacking position he can throw it into your penalty box and cause all sorts of havoc.

They're both good passers of the ball, so eight each for that; on the left side though Sansom's ten — Mick seven. On the right nine — eight to Mills.

Sansom would score on vision — the type of team he plays in encourages that more.

At Ipswich, although they have changed it a little since the Dutch lads came in, they always used to play in channels. The ball was

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WE HAVE had several requests for a pen-pals section in Terrace Talk. If you would like a *MATCH WEEKLY* pen-pal, write to the usual address but add the words 'Pen-Pal' and we will do our best to publish a list of names and addresses at regular intervals.

Caught in the act

AS A referee of long standing, I would like to draw your attention to an offence which is so commonplace nowadays that players, managers, fans and, I must also admit, some referees seem to accept as part of the game and is often allowed to go unpunished.

It is the use of hands or arms (one of the nine penal offences for which a penalty or direct free-kick should be awarded).

The cover pictures on both the September 27 and October 4 issues of *MATCH* clearly illustrate this point. Both Viv Anderson and Gordon McQueen are guilty and caught in the act by the cameraman, but I doubt if they had free-kicks awarded against them and I doubt if any of your readers would consider their action other than normal.

This is the sort of thing that players are trained to do and comes naturally to them, but nevertheless is an offence and should be punished. Very few people seem to have much sympathy with the offended and very often feel the offender is sinned against by the referee when he is pulled up.

W. H. Waddle, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland.

Hear, hear...

AS A visitor to Grimsby, standing in the terracing to watch the Mariners play Plymouth Argyle, my son and I were very much relying on the programme and public address system for information about the players.

Although we had the names in print, it was impossible to hear or understand the team changes, if any, over the public address, so we left still not knowing if the players we saw were the ones actually published.

How many supporters up and down the country have found themselves in the same position, with their entertainment spoilt by lack of thought for the man on the terrace.

Frederick Dycer, Sudbury, Suffolk.



Get it right

I MUST put the record straight for Rhod James. The attendance for the recent Sheffield United Anglo-Scottish Cup-tie was 7,596, not 900 as he said. We get more than that for a Central League game.

I'd like to say that any competition is good for players and supporters alike, especially ones against clubs we don't see in our own division.

Ian Pinder, Sheffield, Yorks.



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ATKINSON

whacked up to the central strikers, Mariner and Whymark, through the air. One of them would turn it in for the other, spin off and they would play from there. At Palace they work on more creativity . . . Sansom will play it in to the central defenders then he will make a run and they will spot him back in. They tend to vary the play more.

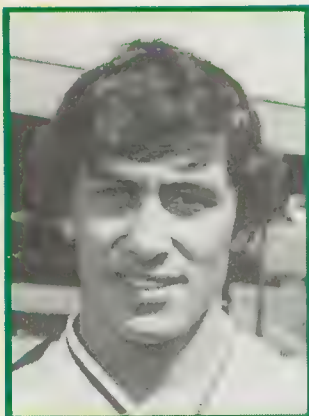
Mills can't be faulted on temperament, Sansom on his debut for England against Wales seemed calm enough. He obviously has not been in the heat of battle so much but there doesn't appear to be anything wrong with his temperament.

I'd make Mills the better tackler, he can put his foot in a bit and he has done well when he has gone into midfield. They're both only adequate in the air, but strong in terms of stamina.

Speed

Speed, finally, is a difficult one. Mills never looks quick, but I've never seen anyone fly past him. Sansom, has played mostly in the Second Division and when you

start thinking about right-wingers in the Second Division, you can't come up with any. So he's never had too many confrontations. I'll have to give them eight apiece — I don't see anyone exploiting them for pace.



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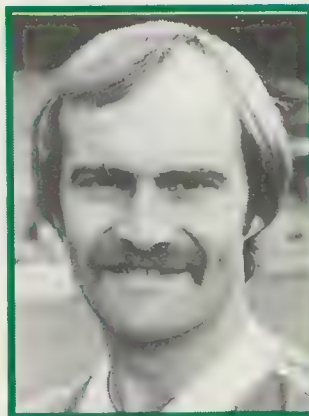
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A cup to keep

IN REPLY to Rhod James (*MATCH*, Sept 27), I agree that minor competitions like the Anglo-Scottish Cup should be abolished.

But the League Cup, which he suggests should also go, provides many clubs with much-needed revenue and the possibility of a trip to Wembley, plus a UEFA Cup place that they would not otherwise get.

Perhaps the competition could be used as a sort of laboratory, experimenting with new ideas, such as changes in the laws.

John Morley, Middlesbrough, Cleveland.

Sponsor them

A SYSTEM of player sponsorship should be introduced, as in speedway. Individual players or whole teams could be sponsored by firms, with awards for goals, etc.

This was tried once at Birmingham City, when a businessman offered a prize of a new sports car for the scorer of the sixth goal in one match. In the following two matches, the Blues won 5-1 and 6-2.

The sponsors could put on entertainment at half-time, like at Bristol City last year, so the fans would get more for their money. All this has worked in America.

Adrian Brown, Northfield, Birmingham.

Summer play

IN reply to Mark Lewis (*MATCH*, Sept 27) on his point about the need to protect pitches, I would suggest that British football should be played in the summer.

No games would need to be cancelled due to bad weather, there would be bigger crowds and generally better conditions.

Alan Grieve, Dunfermline, Fife.



Well done, Ossie!

I WOULD like to congratulate your star writer, Osvaldo Ardiles, for admitting in his recent *MATCH* column that he was wrong for kicking the ball away when the referee gave a decision against him. It takes courage for a player to say to all fans that the referee was right after all. Thanks, Ossie.

Steven McArthur, Newtonabbey, Co. Antrim.

Ridiculous!

I HAVE heard that plans are being discussed to abolish the Southern and Northern Leagues. What a ridiculous suggestion!

It is these 'Little Leagues' that help to supply the League with a large number of good players, like Peter Ward and Malcolm MacDonald from Burton Albion and Tonbridge respectively.

I'd just like to tell the F.A. that they are not the be-all-and-end-all and you don't need to be a professional to enjoy football.

Andrew Milligan, Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks.

Credit the fans

IN A recent *MATCH*, Jimmy Hill seemed to waste no time before bemoaning League gates, but we should compare the situation in Britain with the one on the Continent.

We tend to hear about 100,000 crowds in super Italian Stadiums but fail to realise that bread and butter European League fixtures attract fewer people than ours.

In Germany, for example, average gates are smaller than ours, Second Division gates average about 4,000 and many grounds are exposed places, with no shelter. Prices are extortionate, most games in the First Divisions are televised in some shape or form and the only way fans are really attracted is through fewer games being played, so that a match is a real event.

There is no doubt that the British football supporter is the most loyal to be found anywhere, so let's have less moaning about the lack of fans and more appreciation of their efforts.

Peter Jackowski, Rochdale, Lancs.

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DAVID LANGAN (Derby County)

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MARRIED: Yes, to Mandy.
CHILDREN: One boy - Elliot Luke, four months.
CAR: Volkswagen Derby.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Two Southern Ireland youth teams, Cherry Orchard and Bath Rangers.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: I worked in a furniture factory for about six months.
CLUB NICKNAME: 'Langy' or 'Frank'.
WORST EVER INJURY: Soon after making my debut I tore ligaments in my left ankle, which kept me out for seven weeks.
FAVOURITE BRITISH PLAYER AND WHY: Charlie George - he has world class skill, superb vision.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Manchester United.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Johann Cruyff - so exciting to watch.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Shilton, Cohen, McFarland, Todd, Wilson, Bremner, Giles, Brady, Lee, George, Robertson.
BEST ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Shilton (England), Carlos Alberto (Brazil), Beckenbauer (W. Germany), Passarella (Argentina), Francisco Marinho (Brazil), Neeskens (Holland), Cruyff (Holland), Platini (France), Eusebio (Portugal), Pele (Brazil), Kempes (Argentina).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Anfield, Liverpool.
FAVOURITE STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Bernabeu Stadium, Real Madrid.
BEST GOAL SCORED: It was against Arsenal this season. I hit a right foot volley 10 yards outside the box which flew past Pat Jennings.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Terry McDermott's headed goal for Liverpool against Tottenham last season which came at the end of a marvellous end-to-end move.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Willie Johnston.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My debut for Eire against Turkey in March 1978. We won 4-2.
MOST MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: When I won the Derby County Player-Of-The-Year award.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being dropped from the Eire squad for the last couple of games.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis, athletics and horse racing.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Driving, the pictures.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Hangers-on, cheats.
FAVOURITE TV: Two Ronnies.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Crossroads.
FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER: Elton John.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Lager.
BEST FRIEND: Frank Stapleton of Arsenal.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: John Wilkes, youth team coach at Shamrock Rovers.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Travelling back after a defeat and being injured.
SUPERSTITIONS: I have a bottle of holy water at home which I bless myself with before travelling.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Fish.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Two full Eire caps, several youth caps and one at schoolboy level.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be successful in business.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: I'd love to play in an FA Cup Final and become a regular member of the Eire team.
A PLAYER FOR THE EIGHTIES: The new Argentinian star, Maradona.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: The Pope.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: To listen to every piece of advice, to get plenty of early nights and not to waste too much time on drinking and discos.





David Langan steps in to rob Phil Boyer of Southampton during Derby's 4-1 defeat at the Dell on September 29, as goalkeeper John Middleton goes down and Aiden McCaffrey looks on.



DYNAMIC DOZEN

BOOST SCOTTISH PREMIER TO 12 CLUBS, SAYS DUNDEE'S ALLY DONALDSON

ALLY Donaldson would like a 12-team Scottish Premier League rather than the current top 10 set up.

And with 18 seasons of top flight football behind him, the view of the experienced Dundee goalkeeper will certainly carry a lot of weight in what is a big talking point north of the border.

The soccer scene in Scotland is divided right down the middle. There are those sold on the 10 club concept, reckoning it has saved the game from total extinction.

There are others who feel that the fierce cut-throat competition will kill off the game because clubs simply cannot afford the luxury of bringing through their young talent in the ferocious battle for survival. Ally counts himself among the latter.

"I think everyone recognises that the thought of either Celtic or Rangers being relegated is just not on," he says.

And, if that is the case, it means each season two out of the eight other clubs go down.

"To my mind the 25 per cent casualty rate is too high. I would like to see the league increased to 12 clubs. This would relieve the

pressure a bit and give clubs a chance to develop and bring on younger players — something they rarely get the chance to do at the moment."

In his 18 years at the top, 36-year-old Ally has seen life with three clubs, starting with Dundee, then Falkirk, Dundee United and now Dundee again. He has also been capped twice by the Scottish League.

Ask him about the players who present most problems and he immediately plumps for Rangers' star Davie Cooper and the enigmatic Andy Ritchie, of Morton.

"There are a lot of promising youngsters," adds Ally. "Bobby Russell, of Rangers, and our own top scorer Ian Redford to name but a couple.

"But the players who really give goalkeepers nightmares are the ones who can make the ball do the unexpected and the top two must be Cooper and Ritchie, who not only hit the ball with tremendous power but make it bend in various directions.

"And when it comes to snapping up the half chance I always keep a wary eye on Aberdeen's Joe Harper."

Over the years, Scottish

goalkeepers have taken a fair pasting especially on BBC television. Whenever they are stuck for a subject to provide light relief then Jimmy Hill or Bob Wilson is sure to pick up the latest disaster north of the boarder.

"I'd love to see them show some of the good saves," adds Ally. "After all I can recall Pat Jennings making some terrible blunders in a recent match between Northern Ireland and England. And let's not forget Liverpool's Ray Clemence in a game against Borussia Monchengladbach with another blunder.

LEFT and TOP LEFT: Ally Donaldson . . . the competition is too fierce for some.

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'Killie' stir

THE LAST club to win the Scottish League championship outside of the 'old firm' was Kilmarnock way back in 1965. So what chance the part-time Ayrshire side pulling it off again this season?

In their second stint in the premier division, 'Killie' are creating a bit of a stir by pushing their way up the table but even club captain Alan Robertson baulks a bit about making that outrageous forecast.

Alan, a 27-year-old accountant has devoted his entire career to the friendly Ayrshire club. And with eight years at Rugby Park he is content to play out his career there – hopefully in the Premier League.

"I have been pleasantly surprised at our progress," he admits. "But the league still has a long way to run.

"Last time we were in the top 10 we committed ourselves very heavily to attack and paid the penalty. Now we are better organised at the back and, with more midfield players available, are better prepared for what opponents throw at us.

"I think if we can consolidate our place then we will have every reason to be happy."

Kilmarnock are one of the few clubs who have successfully managed to strike a balance between part time football and a demanding league situation.

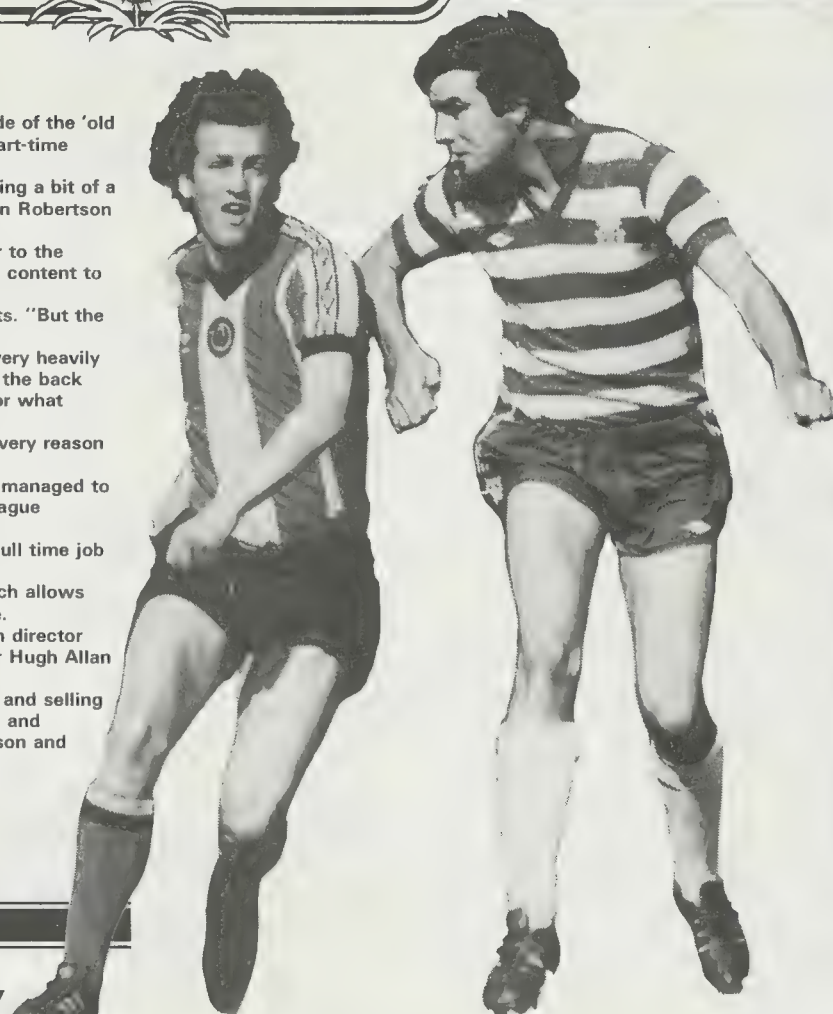
Manager Davie Sneddon for example is a part timer with a full time job in a factory in Kilmarnock.

And all of their players have good jobs outside football, which allows them a much more relaxed and enjoyable approach to the game.

But allied to that is a highly organised backroom set up with director Bill McIvor running the administration side and Scotland trainer Hugh Allan also working on a full time basis.

They have also pursued a highly successful policy of buying and selling players with Gordon Smith and Jim Stewart moving to Rangers and Middlesbrough for big transfer fees and John Bourke, Ian Gibson and Bobby Houston joining the club at a fraction of the cost.

Alan Robertson (hooped jersey, right), of Kilmarnock, and Colin McAdam (stripes) in action together.



'I'll play anywhere'

DEFENDER, midfielder player or striker – Partick Thistle's Colin McAdams takes it all in his lengthy stride.

In his 18 months at Fir Hill the tall hard-hitting McAdam has played regularly at centre-half, in midfield and up front. He is also Thistle's top scorer with goals equally divided between headers, shots and penalty kicks.

"Frankly it doesn't worry me where I play as long as I get a

game," says Colin, a physical education teacher in a Glasgow School.

"Pin me down and I admit to a sneaking enjoyment of the striking job because there is always something special about banging in the goals, but as long as my name goes up on the team list I really don't mind.

"I'll say this though, playing up front is certainly the most difficult job. You spend so much time with

your back to defenders and it can be a bit rough and hectic at times.

"In defence or midfield, the play is coming to you and you get more time to think about how you are going to cope with whatever you are facing."

While he is enjoying life with the 'Jags', Colin admits to missing full time football.

"It is all a question of the time you devote to the game", he adds.

"Being part-time you spend so much of it getting fit that you cannot concentrate on other aspects of the game as much as you'd like."

McAdam, a brother of Celtic's Tom also started his career with Dumbarton before moving on to Motherwell 1975 for a fee of £50,000. Partick Thistle paid Motherwell just half that amount to sign him in March 1978.

ST MIRREN manager Jim Clunie has just signed a new two year contract with the club. Clunie, who learned his trade under Lawrie McMenemy at Southampton, has had it tough recently with the transfer of star players Frank McGarvey and Tony Fitzpatrick coupled with a boardroom split. The contract ends speculation that Aberdeen boss Alex Ferguson might return to his old club – a suggestion that had Fergie laughing his head off.

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CELTIC have signed 19-year-old goalkeeper Alan Davidson from junior side Royal Albert. Nothing unusual about that except that Alan is the son of Bobby Davidson who was a top FIFA referee during a 27-year long career.

The point is he was also the referee Celtic and Rangers fans

loved to hate and in one Scottish Cup final between Celtic and Aberdeen drove Jock Stein to a state of near apoplexy. Quips Alan: "My name helped me become a fast runner. I never wanted to be a referee. I suppose it's nearly as daft as becoming a goalkeeper."

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DENIS LAW recently visited Glasgow to promote his new book. In one shop in the City centre a bearded gentleman paid his £5 and stuck the book in front of him. Without looking up Denis said: "How would you like me to sign it?"

Back came the reply: "Just say best wishes to Danny McGrain." It was the Celtic and Scotland star looking for a copy of the book from his former team mate and hero!



BY THE end of this season, funds for the redevelopment of Scotland's new national football stadium at Hampden Park will have been boosted to the tune of more than £½ million by the efforts of the Scottish F.A.

Last week saw the presentation of a six-figure cheque being contributed to the fund by Scotland's football authorities.

Pictured (right) is Peter Heatly, chairman of Hampden Park Ltd., receiving the cheque for £116,000 – proceeds of the international show game held against Argentina – from Willie Harkness, President of the Scottish Football Association. Both men are directors of Hampden Park Ltd.

GO!



John Matthews (Sheffield United) v Oxford United, Division Three, Bramall Lane, September 29, 1979.

THIS blockbuster which figured in "Match of the Day's" Goal of the Month competition is a goal that John Matthews will long remember . . . not least because he thumped it away with his left peg.

He admitted: "I've only ever scored a couple with my left foot—I'm usually happy if they go straight."

There's no doubt that this shot went straight—straight in the top corner—and it made a perfect end to a move that started in Sheffield's own penalty area.

A high ball into the area was headed clear by Sheffield defender John McPhail to Mick Speight, who evaded the challenging Billy Jeffrey and hit a superb 40-yard ball down the wing over the head and into the path of Jeff Bourne.

Bourne spotted Matthews' long run and pushed a delightful ball into his path. Matthews ran on a few yards and blasted the ball past Oxford's stranded keeper Roy Burton.

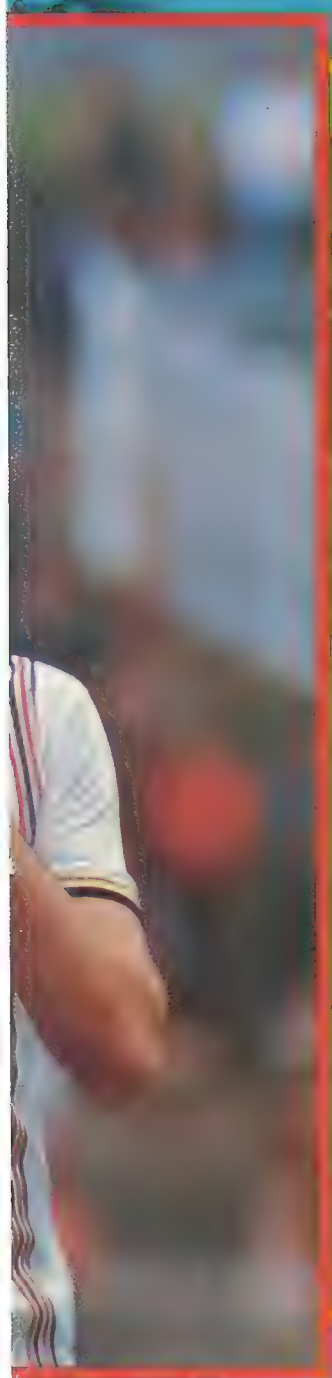
"I could see their defence had pushed forward and it left them a bit open," John told 'MATCH'. "It was obvious what we were going to do really. Jeff couldn't do anything else. I like making the long run—although this one was extra long—and when I got the ball I just belted it."

"I don't get much pleasure from placing a ball or just tapping it. When I get near goal I like to belt it."

It was 23-year-old Matthews' fourth goal of the season and his ninth since he moved to Sheffield from Arsenal and he rates it among the best three he has ever scored.



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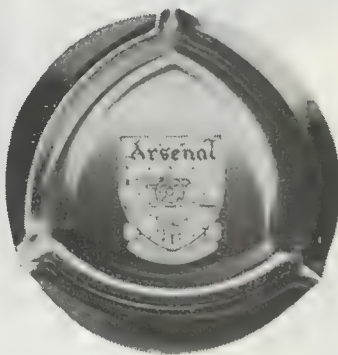
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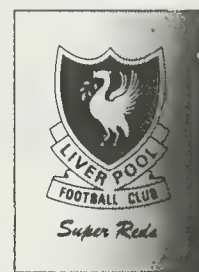


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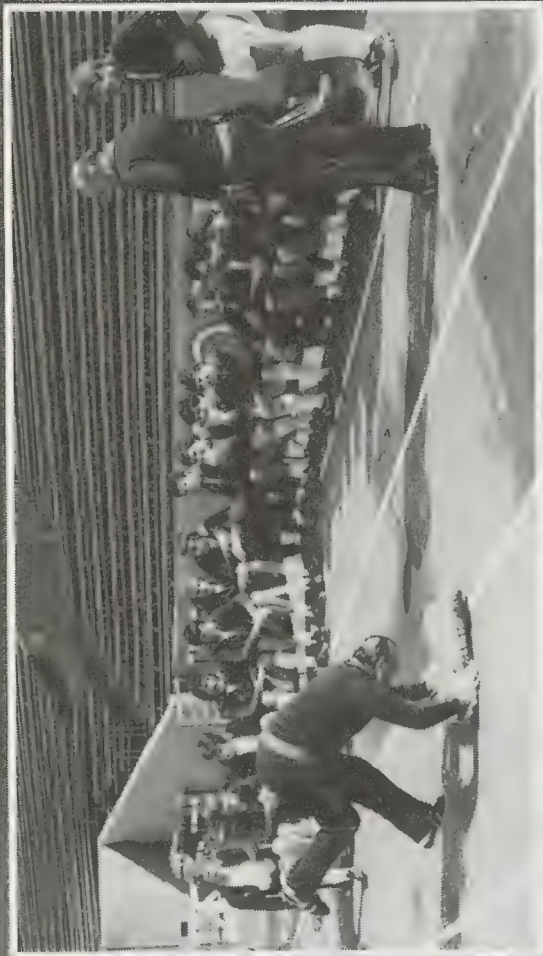
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LEFT: Skipper Phil Thompson huddling around the Lenin Stadium. **ABOVE:** High jinks from manager Bob Paisley, starting off his team talk with a handstand. **RIGHT:** USSR star Metreveli meets Ray Clemence at a training session. **BELOW:** The Liverpool team salute Soviet fans before their match with Tbilisi.



AS LEAGUE champions Liverpool were on their way to the Soviet Union for the first time to defend a slender one goal lead in the second leg of a Champions Cup tie, everyone on board the Aeroflot charter flight knew it would be a hard task. The Russians Dinamo Tbilisi had displayed skills far beyond their station in the first leg at Anfield a couple of weeks earlier. Now Liverpool were heading for the unknown. Liverpool had advance warning that food would be the biggest hazard. In 1976 they visited Turkey for a match against Trabzonspor and some of the players lived on bars of chocolate.

So it was a case of once bitten twice shy. Two dieticians went with them, hotel managers from Dublin, and also loaded on board were cases of cornflakes, powdered milk, hot chocolate, tea bags, jam and marmalade. In fact, enough

to keep a small army supplied.

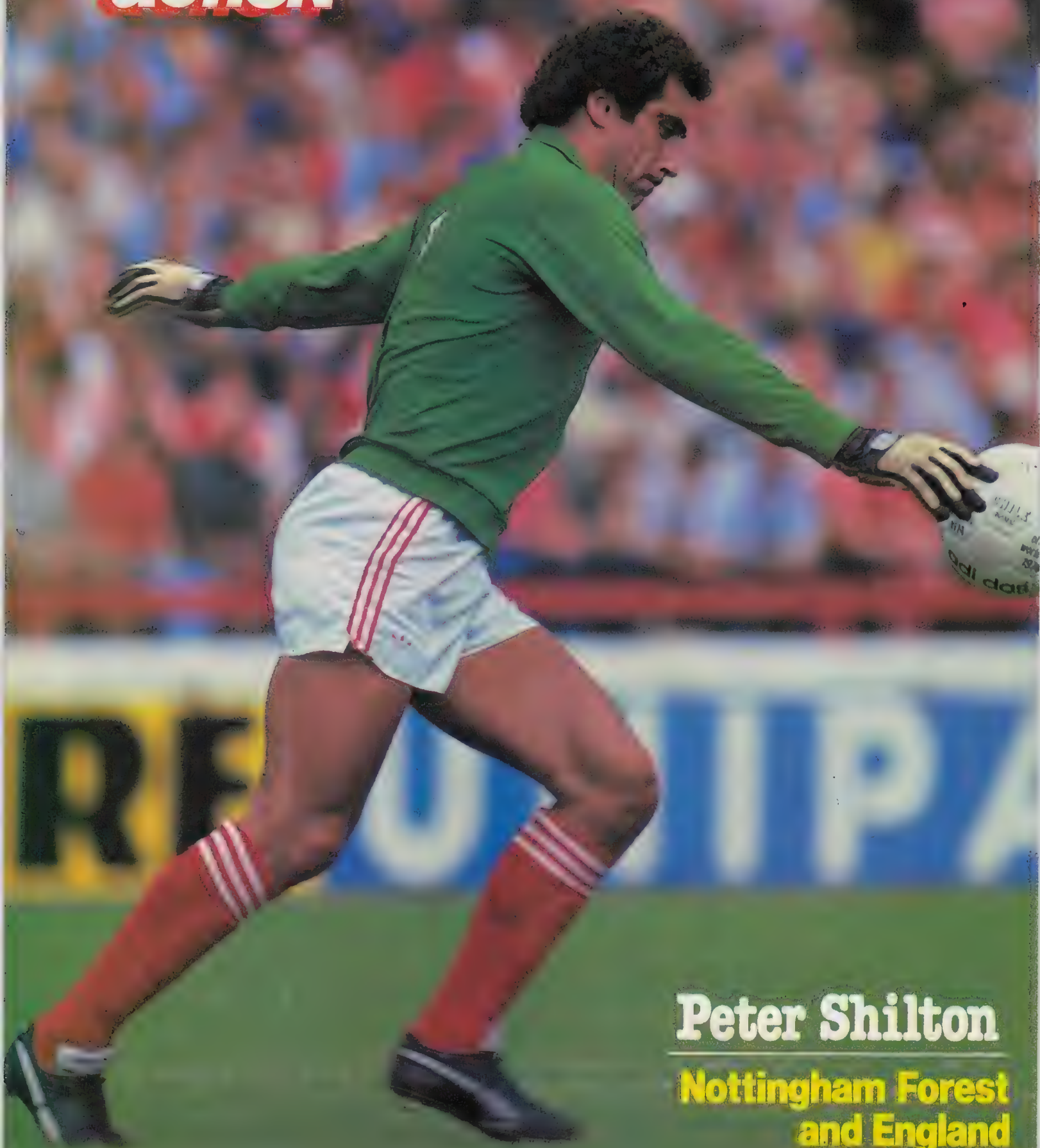
Liverpool's hotel was the Adjara, first class and right in the centre of town. The welcome was terrific — it's not often former European champions visit such a remote outpost.

So to the day of the match. The locals had been hospitable enough, but at 4 a.m. a chanting mob of several hundred Georgians surrounded the hotel singing the praises of their local team. It was a torch light procession, clearly staged — 'No-one is out at four in the morning in Russia!'

Just after half-time in the match, the torches were lit again. Liverpool were hit by a whirlwind. The rain soaked stadium came alive as Dinamo scored three goals, one of them a penalty. Liverpool were out, suffering only their second heaviest defeat on the continent.

Torchlight Torture

**match
action**



Peter Shilton

**Nottingham Forest
and England**

WE FACE one of our toughest tests of the season on Saturday when Nottingham Forest come to White Hart Lane.

I have talked before of my admiration for the men from Nottingham. They really impressed me last season and with Liverpool they are two of Europe's top teams.

I am glad we are meeting them in a League game and not a Cup competition because I feel that their style of play is more suited to a one-off situation.

They seem to be able to lift themselves for a Cup game and this makes them so dangerous. There is a lot of flair in the side and they are always promising to do the unexpected.

Their game is based on a solid defence. I don't mean they're defensive, but everybody plays their part in defending when the other team has the ball.

Of course, with Peter Shilton in goal their defence has to look watertight. He is complete — there is nothing he can add to his game. Some people say Ray Clemence is a better 'keeper but for my money Shilton just shades it. His ability gives the defence so much confidence.

The midfield men are organised and get back behind



Ricky Villa's goal against Palace was typical of many I have seen him score in Argentina.

the ball wherever possible. Captain John McGovern is very influential in that respect. He is an underrated player and I like him a lot.

McGovern is the balance of the side. He is always available and takes up some great positions.

ARDILES

Forest -so talented

Up front, Forest are blessed with talent. John Robertson impressed me as much as any player last season and he plays some intelligent balls into dangerous positions.

And, of course, they have Trevor Francis back in the side. This boy is so skilful, I think he's got to be given an extended run in the England team. They could do with his pace.

But so talented is the Forest squad that they can afford to be without their best players like Francis and are still good enough to top the table.

A lot of people are comparing the Crystal Palace team with the Forest side that took the First Division by storm and won the League in their first season.

But although Palace have started brilliantly I reckon they still have some way to go before they can be compared to Forest or Liverpool.

We drew with Palace recently and I was impressed with them, but I think we could easily have won. Tottenham are playing better at the moment than at any time in the season and we could also have won our two previous games, against Coventry and West Bromwich Albion, instead of drawing all three.

Crystal Palace's secret is based on good organisation. They were lucky to get off to a good start and have built on the confidence they gained from that.

Four of their players impressed me very much; Kenny Sansom, Jerry Murphy, Mike Flanagan and Vince Hilaire.

They all showed a lot of skill and the team is so young it can

only get better. They may do enough to get into Europe next season but I think they'll have to wait a little longer before the Championship comes to Selhurst Park.

From a Tottenham point of view the Palace game was more notable for the superb form of my big mate Ricky Villa.

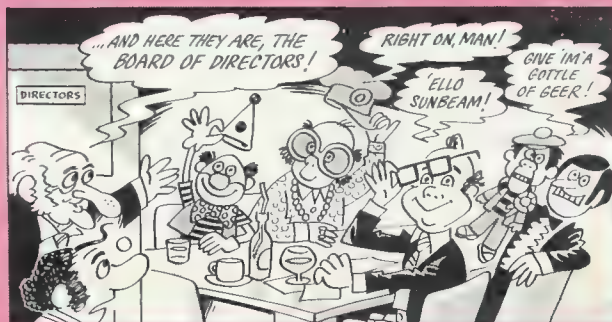
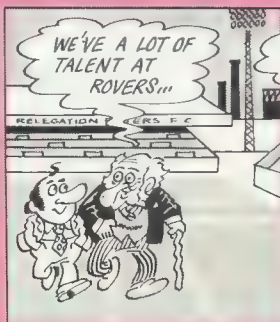
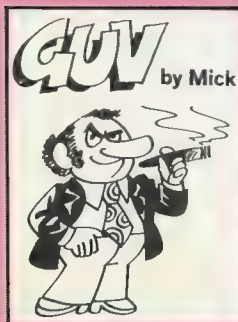
His goal, seen by millions on BBC TV's 'Match of the Day', is typical of many that I saw him score in Argentina. But it was the first time he had shown this amazing ability since coming to England.

He is playing really well now, is full of confidence and I think you will see the best of Ricky for the rest of the season.

Until next week then . . .



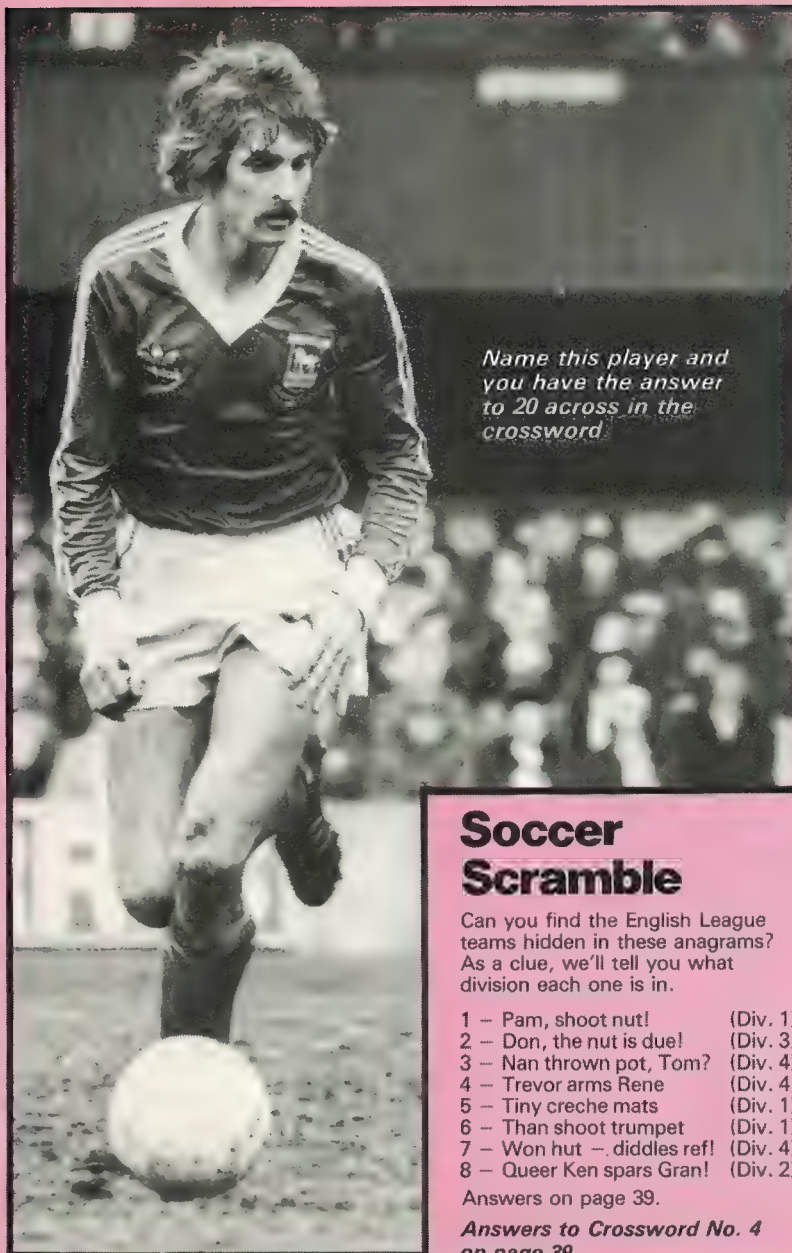
I believe England should give Trevor Francis an extended run. They need his pace.



HALF TIME

How's your soccer knowledge? Here's your chance to see how you square up to the man who this year won the title of BBC Radio Brain of Sport, Julian Pincher. Turn to page 39 for the answers.

1. Watford — one of the losing semi-finalists in last year's League Cup competition — were beaten in the first round of this year's competition by which team?
2. Name the only man to play in all of England's full internationals since Ron Greenwood took over.
3. For which Scottish club does Peter Bonetti play?
4. Which man set a record by converting penalty kicks in four successive matches this season?
5. Who was awarded the Golden Boot for scoring the most goals in League Football in Europe last season?
6. Which team won this year's North American Super Bowl?
7. For which Yorkshire clubs do the following former Leeds United men now play?
a. Peter Lorimer. b. Norman Hunter. c. Paul Reaney.
8. Who is the current Scottish P.F.A. Footballer of the Year?
9. Name the player who scored the first league goal of the current season.
10. Name the 18-year-old goalkeeper who replaced Jim Blyth after he was injured before the kick-off of the Coventry Norwich match in September.
11. Which Italian team went through the whole of last season without a league defeat but still only finished runners-up to AC Milan?
12. Who is the youngest man to play in an F.A. Cup final?
13. Who did Manchester City defeat in the final of the 1970 European Cup Winners Cup?
14. England won the 1966 World Cup, but which individual scored the most goals?
15. Real Madrid won the European Cup for the first five years 1956–60. Which team became the second to win the trophy?
16. For which two soccer clubs did Brian Clough play?
17. Name the four clubs who have completed the F.A. Cup and First Division Championship double?
18. Which teams were involved in the first all-London F.A. Cup final?
19. Which brothers helped Newcastle United to beat Arsenal 1–0 in the 1952 F.A. Cup final?
20. When Tony Brown of West Bromwich Albion scored his 213th league goal he created what is thought to be a record, because it was scored against the son of the man he scored his first league goal against in September 1963. Name the two goal-keepers?



Name this player and you have the answer to 20 across in the crossword

Soccer Scramble

Can you find the English League teams hidden in these anagrams? As a clue, we'll tell you what division each one is in.

- 1 — Pam, shoot nut! (Div. 1)
- 2 — Don, the nut is due! (Div. 3)
- 3 — Nan thrown pot, Tom? (Div. 4)
- 4 — Trevor arms Rene (Div. 4)
- 5 — Tiny creche mats (Div. 1)
- 6 — Than shoot trumpet (Div. 1)
- 7 — Won hut — diddles ref! (Div. 4)
- 8 — Queer Ken spars Gran! (Div. 2)

Answers on page 39.

Answers to Crossword No. 4 on page 39.

Just how much do YOU know about football? Why not find out by having a go at the **MATCH WEEKLY** crossword? If you are as good as you think you are you could win a super 32-panel black and white leather football absolutely FREE!

How to enter: Just write your answers on the crossword in ballpoint pen and send the crossword, together with the completed address coupon, to **MATCH WEEKLY** Crossword No. 7, Park House, 117 Park Road, Peterborough, PE1 2TS.

The first five crosswords to be drawn from the bag of correct entries will each win a Candus Crown vellum-skin leather football made by Candus Sports of Liverpool. The closing date is November 1.

Across

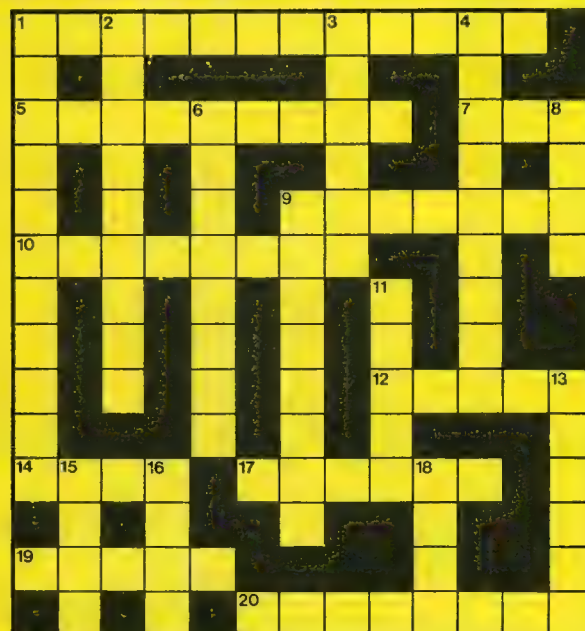
1. Tie Bert to pen and find a great goalie. (5,7 anagram)
5. Hawthorns' hero. (4,5)
7. Part of the League teams would rather be in!
9. Liverpool Scot.
10. Now First Division — at last!

12. Ipswich defender.
14. A player who saves a lot at Ashton Gate.
17. Macari, McQueen, McIlroy and Co.
19. Self-confessed 'old man' of Forest.
20. He and Muhren joined Ipswich from Twente.

Down

1. England winger. (5,6)
2. Southern League club that sounds a bit on the heavy side.
3. Full-back who played well over 500 games for Blackburn, Everton and Burnley.
4. Home of those famous Spurs.
6. Southern League Cup Winners 1978–79. (4,4)

8. A good one will often split a defence.
9. Division Three seaisiders.
11. Morton forward who sounds just what he is.
13. Ex-Leeds and Bristol City Hunter now at Barnsley.
15. Humberside team.
16. Glasgow-born Ipswich defender.
18. Wolves' Mel who's No. 302 in the Football 79/80 album.



Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Players Ratings

- 10 — Out of this world
- 9 — Outstanding
- 8 — Excellent
- 7 — Good
- 6 — Adequate
- 5 — Off form
- 4 — Poor

Match ratings

- ★★★★★ A classic
- ★★★★ Good value
- ★★★ Satisfactory
- ★★ Dull
- ★ Waste of money

Saturday, Oct. 13

Scottish League Division Two

ALBION ROVERS (1) 2 (Campbell 5, Franchetti 47)
FALKIRK (2) 2 McRoberts 25, 33)
 Att: 1,000

EAST FIFE (0) 0
BRECHIN (0) 1 (Campbell, I, pen 86)
 Att: 700

COWDENBEATH (2) 3 (Liddle 25, 88, Hunter 33)
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 1
 (Alexander 81)
 Att: 300

FORFAR (1) 1 (McPhee 39)
MONTROSE (1) 1 (Beedie 5)
 Att: 1,400

EAST STIRLING (1) 1 (Robertson, og 43)
ALLOA (0) 0
 Att: 1,200

QUEENS PARK (0) 0
STRANRAER (1) 2 (McCutcheon 37, Hay, pen 51)
 Att: 964

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0
MEADOWBANK (0) 1 (Davidson 84)
 Att: 300

Monday, Oct. 15

ENGLAND 'B' (1) 4 (Malcolmson, og 45, Flanagan 46, Hilaire 63, Hoddle 66)

NEW ZEALAND (0) 1 (Nelson 70)

Att: 9,654
England 'B': Parkes 7, Bond 7, Peach 7, Talbot 6 (sub. Money), Waldron 7, Hoddle 7, Roeder 7, Hilaire 7, Sunderland 6 (sub. Fashanu), Flanagan 7, ★**RIX** 8.

New Zealand: ★**WILSON** 8, Sibley 6, Malcolmson 6, Almond 7, Elrick 6, Turner, B 7 (sub. Turner, C), Simner 6, Verweij 6, Nelson 7, Campbell 6 (sub. Cole), Adams 6 (sub. Rufer).
 Referee: G. J. M. Geurds (Netherlands)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

Wednesday, Oct. 17

European Championship Group One

NORTHERN IRELAND (0) 1 (Moreland, pen 50)
ENGLAND (2) 5 (Francis 18, 60, Woodcock 34, 69, Nicholl, og 74)
 Att: 25,000
Northern Ireland: Jennings 6, Nicholl 6, Hunter 5 (sub. Rafferty 5), Nelson 5, Cassidy 6, McCreery 6, ★**McILROY** 8, Moreland 5, Finney 5 (sub. Caskey 6), Armstrong 6.
England: Shilton 7, Neal 6, Watson 7, Thompson 7, Mills 8, Brookling 8 (sub. McDermott), Wilkins 8, Coppell 7, Keegan 7, ★**FRANCIS** 9, Woodcock 8.
 Referee: A. Ponnet (Belgium)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND (1) 3 (Martin 40, Grealish 46, Stapleton 83)
BULGARIA (0) 0
 Att: 18,000
Republic of Ireland: Peyton 7, Mulligan 6, O'Leary, D 7, O'Leary, P 7, Grimes 8, Martin 7, ★**BRADY** 9, Grealish 8, Stapleton 7, McGee 8, Heighway 6.
Bulgaria: Goranov 7, Vassilev 6, Bonev 6, Iliev 6, Dimitrov 6, Kostov 5 (sub. Kostadinov 6), Markov 6, Barsov 7, Jeliashkov 5, Velitchkov 6, ★**TZEVETKOV** 8.
 Referee: H. Inbeck (East Germany)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

Group One						
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
England	6	5	1	0	18	5 11
Eire	6	2	3	1	9	5 7
Northern Ireland	7	3	1	3	7	14 7
Denmark	7	1	2	4	13	14 4
Bulgaria	6	1	1	4	3	12 3

Group Two

BELGIUM (0) 2 (Van Moer 54, Van der Elst 55)
PORTUGAL (0) 0
Belgium: Custers, Gerets, Millecamps, Meeuws, Renquin, Cools, Van Moer, Vandereycken, Van der Elst, Ceulemans, Voordeckers.
Portugal: Bento, Artur, Coelho, Alberto, Alinho, Eurico, Pietra, Oliveira, Romeu, Nene, Gomes.
 Referee: Ulf Eriksson (Sweden)

SCOTLAND (0) 1 (Gemmill 75)
AUSTRIA (0) 1 (Krankl 50)
 Att: 72,700
Scotland: Rough 4, Jardine 6, Munro 5, Wark 7, ★**McQUEEN** 9, Burns 7, Dalglish 8, Souness 5, Graham 6 (sub. Cooper 5), Gemmill 7, Robertson 8.
Austria: ★**KONCILIA** 9, Sara 6, Weber 6, Mirnegg 7, Pezzey 8, Hattenberger 6, Schachner 6 (sub. Steinkogler), Prohaska 6, Krankl 7, Kreuz 6, Jara 7.
 Referee: K. Palatoti (Hungary)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

Group Two						
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Austria	7	3	3	1	12	6 9
Belgium	6	2	4	0	7	4 8
Portugal	5	3	1	1	5	4 7
Scotland	5	2	1	2	10	7 5
Norway	7	0	1	6	4	17 1

Group Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Spain	5	3	1	1	10	4 7
Yugoslavia	4	2	0	2	7	5 4
Rumania	4	1	2	1	6	6 4
Cyprus	3	0	1	2	1	9 1

Group Four

HOLLAND (0) 1 (Stevens 64)
POLAND (1) 1 (Rudy 38)
 Att: 55,000
Holland: Schrijvers, Wijnstekers, Krol, Brandts (sub. Ling), Hovenkamp, Van der Kerkhof, Stevens, Jansen, Rep, Kist, Tahamata.
Portugal: Kukla, Dziuba, Szymanowski, Jans, Rudy, Lipka, Boniek, Nawalka, Lato, Sybis (sub. Mazur), Terlecki.
 Referee: Paolo Casarin (Italy)

Group Four

	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Poland	8	5	2	1	13	4 12
Holland	7	5	1	1	17	4 11
East Germany	7	5	1	1	16	8 11
Switzerland	8	2	0	6	7	18 4
Iceland	8	0	0	8	2	21 0

Group Five

	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Czechoslovakia	4	4	0	0	12	2 8
France	5	3	1	1	11	6 7
Sweden	5	1	1	3	8	12 3
Luxembourg	4	0	0	4	1	12 0

Group Six

HUNGARY (2) 3 (Fekete 25, 44, Tatar 49)
FINLAND (0) 1 (Toivola 47)
 Att: 18,000
Hungary: Zsiborasz, Szanto, Salamon, Kutasi, Tatar, Poczik, Borostyan, Kiss, Weimpey, Kuti, Fekete.
Finland: Suhonen, Ismail, Haaskdivi, Toivola, Pyykko, Rauitainen, Ranta, Houtsonen, Tolsa, Lampi, Sairatinen.
 Referee: Cor Corver (Netherlands)

Group Six

	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Greece	6	3	1	2	13	7 7
Hungary	6	2	2	2	9	9 6
Finland	5	2	1	2	8	13 5
Soviet Union	5	1	2	2	5	6 4

Group Seven

WEST GERMANY (4) 5 (Cullmann 22, Kaltz 33, Fischer 39, Rummenigge 42, Foerster 82)

WALES (0) 1 (Curtis 83)
 Att: 60,000

West Germany: Burdinski 6, Kaltz 8, Cullmann 7, Foerster 7, Dietz 8, Bonhoff 8, Schuster 7 (sub. Zimmerman), Mueller 7, Rummenigge 8 (sub. Briegel), ★**FISCHER** 9, Allofs 7.

Wales: Davies 5, Stevenson 6, Jones 5 (sub. ★**BERRY** 8), Mahoney 5, Dwyer 4, Phillips 6, James 7, Flynn 7, Curtis 7, Toshack 5 (sub. Thomas 7), Nicholas 7.

Referee: Jan Keizer (Netherlands)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

Group Seven

	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
West Germany	4	2	2	0	7	1 6
Wales	5	3	0	2	9	7 6
Turkey	3	1	1	1	2	2 3
Malta	4	0	1	3	1	11 1

Remaining fixtures

REMAINING fixtures in the Championships are as follows:

October 31 — Yugoslavia v Rumania (Group 3); Soviet Union v Finland (Group 6); Bulgaria v Denmark (Group 1)

November 1 — Portugal v Norway (Group 2)

November 14 — Yugoslavia v Cyprus (Group 3)

November 17 — Czechoslovakia v France (Group 5)

November 18 — Rumania v Cyprus (Group 3)

November 21 — Turkey v Wales (Group 7); Belgium v Scotland (Group 2); Portugal v Austria (Group 1);

England v Bulgaria (Group 1); Northern Ireland v Eire (Group 1);

East Germany v Holland (Group 4)

November 24 — Czechoslovakia v Luxembourg (Group 5)

December 9 — Cyprus v Spain (Group 3)

December 19 — Scotland v Belgium (Group 2)

December 22 — West Germany v Malta (Group 7)

February 6 — England v Eire (Group 1); Scotland v Portugal (Group 2)

February 27 — West Germany v Malta (Group 7).

Group standings do not include Luxembourg v Sweden (Group 5) and Malta v Turkey (Group 7) played on October 23.



Great Scott! Stoke's Geoff Scott makes a flying header in acrobatic style to clear from the feet of Arsenal's John Hollins. Stoke's Sammy Irvine watches apprehensively from behind. But for all the action the game at Highbury on Saturday finished 0-0.

CUT OUT AND KEEP

Friday, Oct. 19

Division Three

COLCHESTER (2) 3 (Gough 16, Lee 21, Hodge 74)
BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Weston 90)
 Att: 4,383
 Colchester: Walker 6, ★**COOK 8**, Packer 6, Leslie 6, Wignall 7, Dowman 6, Hodge 7, Gough 7, Foley 7, Lee 7, Allinson 6.
 Blackpool: McAlister 6, Gardner 5, Pashley 4 (sub. Weston 6), Kerr 6, Suddaby 4, McEwan 5, Thompson 6, Jones 6, Spence 6, ★**SMITH 7**, Malone 5.
 Referee: C. Maskell (Cambridge)
 Match Rating: ★★☆☆

Division Four

STOCKPORT COUNTY (0) 0
DONCASTER (0) 3 (Dowd 55, Nimmo 65, 70)
 Att: 3,222
 Stockport: Lawson 6, Thorpe 5, Rutter 6, ★**FOGARTY 8**, Czuczman 6, Chapman 7, Lovell 6, Sherlock 6, Henson 6, Park 6, Galvin 6.
 Doncaster: Peacock 6, Russell 7, Snodin 7, Lister 6, Lally 7, Dowd 7, Pugh 6, ★**NIMMO 9**, Warboys 8, Lewis 6, Bentley 7.
 Referee: D. Clarke (Accrington)
 Match Rating: ★★☆☆

TRANMERE (0) 1 (Evans 72)
YORK (1) 2 (Randall 26, Lorimer 78)
 Att: 2,197
 Tranmere: Johnson 6, Mathias 7, Flood 6, Bramhall 6, Edwards 7, Evans 7, Palios 6, Craven 7, Kerr 6, Lumby 6 (sub. Kelly 7), ★**PEPLOW 8**.
 York: Neenan 7, Kamara 8, Kay 7, Pugh 7, Clements 8, James 7, Randall 7, ★**LORIMER 9**, Eccles 7, McDonald 8, Wellings 7.
 Referee: J. Lovett (Crewe)
 Match Rating: ★★☆☆

Saturday, Oct. 20

Division One

ARSENAL (0) 0
STOKE (0) 0
 Att: 31,501
 Arsenal: Jennings 6, Rice 5, Nelson 6, ★**TALBOT 8**, O'Leary 6, Young 7, Brady 7, Sunderland 6, Stapleton 7, Hollins 6, Rix 7.
 Stoke: ★**JONES 8**, Evans 6, Scott 7, Irvine 6, Smith 7, Dodd 7, Johnson 7, Heath 6, O'Callaghan 6, Crooks 6, Richardson 6.
 Referee: A. Gunn (Sussex)
 Match Rating: ★★☆☆

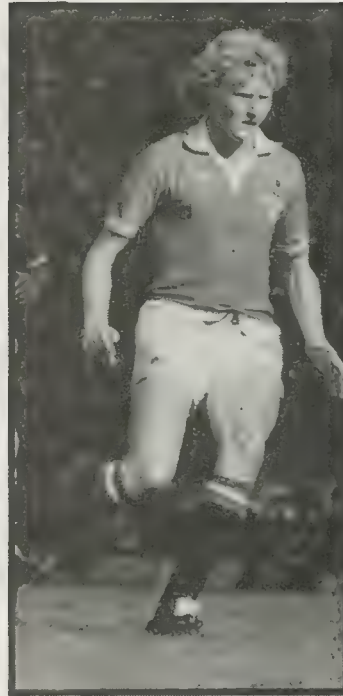
COVENTRY (1) 2 (McDonald 19, English 82)
BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Rollings 16)
 Att: 17,328
 Coventry: Sealey 7, Jones 7, McDonald 7, ★**GOODING 8**, Holton 6, Coop 6, Hutchison 7, Wallace 6, English 7, Blair 6, Hunt 7.
 Brighton: Moseley 7, Rollings 6, Williams 6, Horton 7, Foster 7, Stevens 6, ★**RYAN 8**, Ward 6 (sub. Chivers 6), Maybank 7, Sayer 7, O'Sullivan 7.
 Referee: D. Hutchinson (Cambs)
 Match Rating: ★★☆☆

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 1 (Cannon 78)
BRISTOL CITY (0) 1 (Royle 68)
 Att: 27,333
 Crystal Palace: Burrridge 7, Hinshelwood 6, Sansom 5, Nicholas 7, Cannon 7, Gilbert 6, Murphy 7, Kember 7, Walsh 6, Flanagan 6, ★**HILAIRE 8**.
 Bristol City: Shaw 7, Sweeney 7, Whitehead 7, Gow 6 (sub. Mabbutt 7), Rodgers 6, Merrick 7, ★**FITZPATRICK 8**, Ritchie 7, Royle 7, Mann 7, Tainton 7.
 Referee: J. Sewell (Leicester)
 Match Rating: ★★☆☆

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Scorer of Forest's fifth goal in the rout of Bolton . . . Viv Anderson.



Ashley Grimes, his disputed goal was enough to earn Manchester United both points against Ipswich.



Ally Brown, rounded off a superb individual performance with West Brom's fourth goal against Southampton.

DERBY (1) 1 (Emson 44)
ASTON VILLA (1) 3 (Little 6, Shaw 55, Mortimer 72)
 Att: 20,152
 Derby: Middleton 5, Langan 6, Buckley 6, Rioch 5, McCaffery 5, ★**OSGOOD 7**, Emery 5, Moreland 5, Greenwood 5, Davies 6, Emson 5.
 Aston Villa: Rimmer 6, Swain 6, Pejic 6, Evans 7, Ormsby 7, Mortimer 8, Bremner 7, ★**LITTLE 9**, Geddis 6, Cowans 8, Shaw 7.
 Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)
 Match Rating: ★★☆☆

LEEDS (1) 1 (Hankin 40)
TOTTENHAM (1) 2 (Armstrong 17, Jones 74)
 Att: 25,203
 Leeds: Lukic 5, Hird 6, Hampton 5, Flynn 6, Greenhoff 6, Madeley 6, Gray 5, Cherry 6, Hankin 6, Curtis 5, ★**ENTWISTLE 7**.
 Spurs: Daines (sub. Pratt 7), Hughton 7, McAllister 8, Yorath 7, Miller 6, ★**PERRYMAN 9**, Ardiles 8, Jones 8, Armstrong 7, Hoddle 8, Villa 7.
 Referee: N. H. Glover (Chorley)
 Match Rating: ★★☆☆
 Sending Off: Miller (Spurs)

LIVERPOOL (1) 2 (Lyons, og 8, Kennedy, R 54)
EVERTON (1) 2 (Kidd 20, King 68)
 Att: 52,201
 Liverpool: Clemence 7, Neal 7, Kennedy, A 7, ★**THOMPSON 9**, Kennedy, R 8, Hansen 7, Dalglish 8, Case 7, Johnson 7, McDermott 7, Souness 7.
 Everton: Wood 7, Wright 7, Bailey 8, Lyons 7, Higgins 7, ★**ROSS 9**, Nulty 7, Stanley 7, Latchford 7, Kidd 8, King 8.
 Referee: D. Richardson (Gt. Harwood)
 Match Rating: ★★☆☆
 Sendings Off: Stanley (Everton), McDermott (Liverpool)

MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 1 (Grimes 68)
IPSWICH (0) 0
 Att: 50,816
 Man Utd: Bailey 7, Nicholl 6, Albiston 6, ★**McILROY 9**, McQueen 7, Buchan 6, Grimes 7, Wilkins 8, Coppell 6, Macari 8, Thomas 6.
 Ipswich: Cooper 7, Burley 6, Mills 7, ★**THIJSEN 8**, Osman 6, Butcher 7, Wark 6, Turner 5 (sub. Brazil 6), Mariner 6, Gates 6, Woods 6.
 Referee: B. Martin (Keyworth)
 Match Rating: ★★☆☆

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (Proctor 55)
WOLVES (0) 0
 Att: 18,393
 Middlesbrough: Platt 8, Craggs 8, Bailey 8, Johnston 8, Ashcroft 8, McAndrew 7, Cochrane 7, ★**PROCTOR 9**, Hudson 7, Burns 7, Armstrong 7.
 Wolves: ★**BRADSHAW 9**, Palmer 7, Parkin 7, Daniel 7, Hughes 6, Berry 7, Hibbitt 6, Carr 6, Gray 6, Richards 6, Thomas 6.
 Referee: A. Porter (Bolton)
 Match Rating: ★★☆☆

NORWICH CITY (0) 2 (Peters 50, Bond, pen 63)
MANCHESTER CITY (1) 2 (Bennett 19, 77)
 Att: 18,571
 Norwich: Keelan 7, Bond 6, McDowell 6, Taylor 6, Hoadley 7, Powell 7, Goble 7, ★**REEVES 8**, Fashanu 6, Paddon 6, Peters 7.
 Man City: Corrigan 7, Ranson 6, Reid 7, ★**BENNETT 9**, Caton 7, Fletcher 7, Mackenzie 6, Viljoen 7, Robinson 7, Power 6, Denya 7.
 Referee: T. Bune (Plaistow, Sussex)
 Match Rating: ★★☆☆

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (3) 5 (Lloyd 6, Woodcock 18, Francis 44, Robertson, pen 52, Anderson 67)
BOLTON (0) 2 (Thompson 66, Morgan, pen 80)
 Att: 24,564
 Nottm Forest: Shilton 7, Anderson 7, Gray 7, McGovern 6, Lloyd 6, Burns 7, Francis 7, Mills 7 (sub. Bowyer 6), Birtles 7, ★**WOODCOCK 8**.

MORE RESULTS ON PAGE 37

Grimsby go for glory

THE East Coast fishing town of Grimsby is buzzing in anticipation over the visit of First Division Everton next week.

And 'The Mariners' manager has set his horizon on a place in the last eight — honestly believing his team can pull off a big shock.

"I know a lot of people have said that in the past, but I honestly believe it just might happen here," says George Kerr.

"We did well to get through against Notts. County, but we haven't done so well in the league since then," said Kerr whose team were at the time sitting in 14th position in Division Three.

"However, we are expecting a 24,000 capacity gate for the Everton match and the crowd here are the sort that can create a good atmosphere when there is only 8,000 in the ground.

"We have some good players here even though we are not setting the heather alight at the moment. But we are creating chances and we can beat anybody. We shall give Everton the respect they deserve, but on the night they will know they have a game on their hands," says Kerr.

"I watched them against Feyenoord and I thought they lacked the class we have all come to expect from Everton.

"Having said that they should beat us on paper, but we shall give our best. We have got a bit of skill ourselves and I honestly believe we have a chance here."

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BRIGHTON are at home to **Arsenal** and the South Coast side will be looking for early revenge of that 4-0 defeat at the hands of the Londoners at the start of this season.

Alan Mullery's team has picked up since that game and learnt enough about life at the top to make this a tie that could go either way.

Other Division 1 clashes are **Bristol City** at home to **Nottingham Forest** and **West Bromwich Albion** against **Norwich**.

City and Forest drew 1-1 at Ashton Gate earlier in the season in a league game so Bristol certainly can't be written off against the European champions.

West Brom have the home advantage against flying Norwich, but the East Anglian side are the team in form.

In the **Sunderland** versus **West Ham** game there is a clash between two of the promotion favourites from Division Two — Sunderland having had slightly the better results in the league.

Other games are **Q.P.R.** against **Wolves** with the Wanderers obviously starting out as favourites and **Wimbledon** versus **Swindon** which ensures at least one Third Division side in the last eight.

West Ham striker David Cross in a tangle with Sunderland defenders Jackie Ashurst and Steve Whitworth (right) as Jeff Clarke heads clear. The teams meet again next week in the Cup when Sunderland hope to avenge a 2-0 league defeat at Upton Park.



League Cup
SPECIAL

EXETER TAKE ON THE KOP

LOWLY Exeter City take on mighty Liverpool at Anfield next week in a David and Goliath clash that epitomises the magic of cup football.

On paper the League Cup tie is Third Division Exeter's 'final' — they shouldn't be expected to win against the red machine.

On the field you can never really be sure and Exeter's manager Brian Godfrey says boldly: "I honestly believe we have a chance."

"Someone has beaten Liverpool every year in the League Cup. If we played them 42 times in a season they would probably beat us 40 times, but they could go out with the wrong attitude."

"You will always get one chance during a game whatever team you play against. You have to knock that chance in and hope that even if the opposition get 100 chances they will miss the lot."

League Cup glory — and despair — is nothing new to Godfrey who captained Aston Villa when they lost to Spurs at Wembley in 1971 and more recently plotted Exeter's 2-1 defeat of Birmingham — the



Brian Godfrey

win that earned the 'Grecians' their money-spinner at Anfield.

"Everyone wants to be in the team for the match, and we have got to approach it as a day out for the whole club. We have to enjoy ourselves and there's only one way to do that — win," says Godfrey.

Whatever else he tells his team Godfrey will have this one message when they step out on the Anfield turf: "Don't wake up tomorrow morning wishing you had done something else."

Scots' wrath

THE 'FINAL before the final' is the label being pinned on the Scottish League Cup quarter final clash between Aberdeen and Celtic.

Having already beaten Rangers in both legs of the last round, the Dons are in good fettle for the other half of the 'old firm' and while they do not have nearly as good a record against Celtic, manager Alex Ferguson makes confident noises.

"Right now our attitude is right and we are playing some excellent stuff," he says. "And if we want to win trophies, then at one point or another we have to beat the old firm."

An intriguing point about the tie is that it will be the first meeting between the Dons and Celtic since their bitter clash at Pittodrie last month.

Sent off

In the game, which Celtic won 2-1, midfielder Tommy Burns was sent off, four players were booked and there was an angry exchange afterwards with Ferguson describing the game as 'Trench warfare'.

Another attractive tie in the tournament sponsored by Bell's Whisky is the meeting of Morton and Kilmarnock — a match which will highlight the keen rivalry between the two part-time clubs.

Comments Morton boss Bennie Rooney: "I have felt all along we could go all the way in this tournament and while it will be a hard tie, I see no reason to change my mind."

An interesting side of the Dundee United game against First Division Raith Rovers will be the battle of wits between managers Jim McLean and Gordon Wallace of Raith, who worked closely with McLean as player coach at Tannadice.

The ties are to be played on October 31 and November 14.

League Cup Draws

Tuesday, Oct 30

League Cup
Fourth Round

Brighton v Arsenal
Liverpool v Exeter
Wimbledon v Swindon
Q.P.R. v Wolves
Grimsby v Everton
Bristol C. v Nott'm. Forest

● All matches 7.30 kick-off

Wednesday, Oct 31

League Cup
Fourth Round

Sunderland v West Ham
W.B.A. v Norwich

Scottish League Cup
Quarter Finals, First Leg

Aberdeen v Celtic
Dundee Utd. v Raith Rovers
Hamilton A. v Dundee
Morton v Kilmarnock

Kit man Harry

KIT MAN at Ninian Park is 61-year-old Harry Parsons (below) – a familiar face around the ground for the past 15 years.

He spent four years running the youth side of things and then spent a while with the reserve team before taking on first team responsibilities.



Business sense

CLUB secretary Lance Hayward might have played for Wolves . . . but for his school exams.

Stan Cullis wanted him to sign as a schoolboy, but Lance's father said his exams came first.

His connections with Cardiff City started 18 years ago when he arrived as a non-contract player.

"I deal with all the other sides of the club apart from playing," he said.

"We need an average gate of around 16,000 to break even and we only average around 10,000, so that makes the commercial side important.

"This year we have introduced a colour programme for the first time in the history of the club."



CARDIFF CITY'S immediate future looked as black as the Welsh coal mines when the club finally told Richie Morgan: "The manager's job is yours."

The team was six points adrift of safety from the relegation zone and, according to Morgan, the players had stopped believing in themselves – they accepted losing.

Now, in contrast, the air that rushes round the terraces and through the corridors of Ninian Park is fresh and full of expectancy.

"The players detest losing now and basically that's the difference," says Morgan, the likeable boss who has led Cardiff to a threatening start in Division Two this season.

Morgan took over the hot seat on a caretaker basis in November last year, when the then manager Jimmy Andrews – Cardiff's eighth manager since the war – was dismissed.

"Someone had to stop the boat from rocking. My playing days were more or less over and I had been helping out on the kids' coaching side. So I had detached myself from the first team players a little and I had learned something about delegating and organising," says Morgan (33), who was born in Cardiff and played for the Welsh Youth side and for his country at Under-23 level.

The first thing Morgan did when he got the permanent appointment was to tempt Brian Harris – a player with Cardiff during the club's most successful period in the Sixties – back to Ninian Park.

Harris accepted and Morgan then went

Whistlin

for Dave Elliot, a former player-manager at Newport County, who also agreed to "help out" but has since gone back to his sports business.

"Brian came as assistant manager and I also got Doug Livermore back. He captained the side here when they won promotion from the Third Division and now he has taken over responsibility for the reserves," says Morgan.

Last year Cardiff finished eighth in the Second Division and now the hope is that this season will see an improvement on that.



Cardiff City manager Richie Morgan.

But Morgan warns: "It's got to be gradual. Cardiff City is not the wealthiest club in the world. Every player we bring in has got to have a marked effect on the side."

He has recently brought in his fifth signing since he took over – Wayne Hughes (21), who came from America's Tulsa Roughnecks for £70,000.

Morgan's first signing was Colin Sullivan from Norwich last year. Then he got Ronnie Moore from Tranmere for £100,000, Gary Stevens from non-league soccer and Billy Ronson from Blackpool for £130,000.

"I've been lucky in that the players brought in have had the effect on the side that was needed. When I took over here every player was basically right-footed!

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TUDOR JONES (above), has been the Cardiff physio for three seasons – previously he was in the NHS specialising in sport. "It was a challenge when I came here, but we have a good bunch of lads," he says.

Tudor is pictured here in the treatment room which offers excellent facilities to keep the Cardiff team fit and playing, including a multi-gym machine which was a gift to the club.

How to get there



g a happy song

"Now the fans are crying out for success. The average gates this season have only been around 10,000, but the spirit in the club is tremendous. It's like one big family," says Morgan.

"It's that spirit that carries us through a lot of games," he added.

To sum it all up Cardiff City is a club which once had seven internationals in the side . . . a club which once lost the League championship because of a missed penalty . . . became the first club outside England to win the FA Cup . . . once conceded the least number of goals in the First Division and still got relegated.

It's been an up and down past . . . the future is looking up and the "Bluebirds" are once more whistling a happy song.

Play as you learn

CITY look after club apprentices by sending them to college one day each week.

The scheme started this season and the aim is to find something to interest the youngsters outside the game to compensate for the sheltered life any apprentice is offered while in the charge of a League club.

The apprentices go to Barry Technical College. It could prove vital for any who don't make the grade in football to have some grounding in another trade or at least a good start to life in the "outside" world.

Home of Welsh soccer

CARDIFF CITY is Wales' oldest professional club and Ninian Park is regarded by those connected with the club as the home of Welsh soccer.

The club was formed on an amateur basis in 1899 under the title Riverside FC, getting its present name four years later when Cardiff achieved city status.

However, it was not until 1910 when the famous Ninian Park – scene of so many internationals – was acquired and the club was re-formed and joined the Southern League.

By 1912/13 Cardiff were champions of the Second Division, gaining promotion to the First Division and winning the Welsh Cup for the first time.

The 1920 season heralded the invitation for Cardiff to become members of the English League's Second Division and they celebrated by running Birmingham to within a fraction of the championship.

In the following season Cardiff reached the semi-final of the FA Cup for the first time – the only occasion in the history of



The famous Ninian Park ground – scene of so many emotional internationals for the Welsh team. It is situated just about a mile as the crow flies from another famous ground – Cardiff Arms Park.

the Cup when the Royal Family (King George V and Queen Mary) attended a semi-final.

By 1923/24 Cardiff were rubbing shoulders with the greatest teams in the land . . . and they lost the First Division championship by .01 of a goal!

It was a team packed with internationals and it took only two more seasons for the club to reach an historic landmark – Wembley and a Cup final – but they lost to Sheffield Utd.

So it was left until 1927 when Cardiff finally did it and beat the mighty Arsenal at Wembley. The FA Cup was won with captain Freddie Keenor collecting the trophy.

Alas, in two short years Cardiff went from the heights to the depths . . . relegated to the Second Division and then in 1930/31 relegated to the Third Division.

But Cardiff came back after the war, topping the Third Division and then four years later making a long-awaited return to the First Division.

Since then, it's been Second Division, First Division, Second Division, Third Division and now Second Division again.

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TELEPHONE: Cardiff 398636/7/8.

GROUND: Capacity 31,045 (subject to change).

PITCH: 114yds. X 78yds.

OFFICIAL RECORD ATTENDANCE:

61,566, Wales v England,

October 14, 1961.

RECORD RECEIPTS: £31,728

v Everton, FA Cup, 5th round,

February 26, 1977.

LEAGUE RECORD: 1920 – elected to

Division 2; 1921-29 Division 1;

1929-31 Division 2; 1931-47 Division

3(S); 1947-52 Division 2; 1952-57

Division 1; 1957-60 Division 2;

1960-62 Division 1; 1962-75

Division 2; 1975-76 Division 3;

1976-80 Division 2.

HONOURS: Division 1 runners-up,

1923-24; Division 2 runners-up,

1920-21, 1951-52, 1959-60. Division

3(S) champions, 1946-47; Division 3

runners-up, 1975-76; FA Cup winners,

1926-27; FA Cup runners-up, 1925;

Welsh Cup winners 20 times.

RECORD VICTORY: 9-2 v Thames,

Division 3(S), February 6, 1932.

RECORD DEFEAT: 2-11 v Sheffield

Utd., Division 1, January 1, 1926.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS: 66, Division

3(S), 1946-47

MOST LEAGUE GOALS: 93, Division

3(S), 1946-47.

LEAGUE SCORING RECORD: Stan

Richards, 31, Division 3(S), 1946-47.

MOST AGGREGATE GOALS: Len

Davies, 127, 1921-29.

MOST LEAGUE APPEARANCES: Tom

Farquharson, 445, 1922-35.

MOST CAPPED PLAYER: Rod

Thomas, 50, Wales.

RECORD TRANSFER FEE RECEIVED:

£120,000 for Tony Evans from

Birmingham City, August 1979.

RECORD TRANSFER FEE PAID:

£130,00 for Billy Ronson to Blackpool July 1979.

BY BUS: Corporation bus 2 runs past the ground. Special buses run to Ninian Park from the bus station, returning after the match.

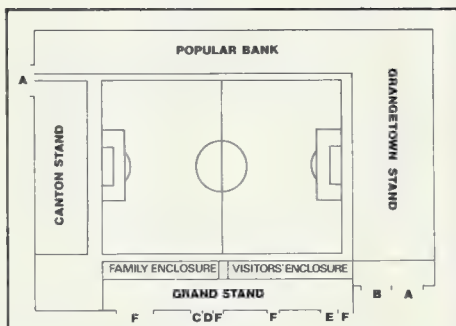
BY RAIL: Nearest railway station is Cardiff Central.

BY ROAD: From North – follow signs Cardiff A470 until junction with Cardiff by-pass. At roundabout take third exit A48 (signposted Port Talbot). After two miles take first exit from roundabout A4161 into Cowbridge Road. After half a mile turn right along Lansdowne Road. Turn right at the crossroads into Leckwith Road (A4055). Two tenths of a mile further on is a left turn into Sloper Road which leads to the ground.

FROM EAST – Use M4, then A48 into Cardiff by-pass and follow route as above.

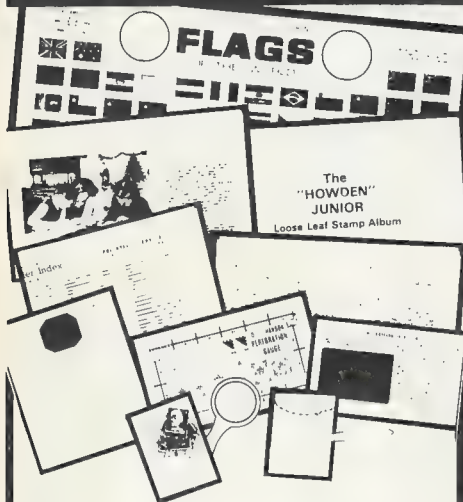
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Firmani for Fury

EDDIE FIRMANI the only coach to win three Soccer Bowl titles in the history of the North American League - has been appointed chief coach of Philadelphia Fury.

Firmani's successful spells at other clubs came to an abrupt halt when he found other officials interfering in his work.

This time the former Charlton chief says he has been promised 100 per cent control to turn Fury into title contenders.

"I play the players I think can win the game for us" Firmani said. "The Fury officials say I have a free hand to build the club and I believe them."

"If I'm going to get my head chopped off I take full responsibility for the team."

"It has always been the same - wherever I go I have 100 per cent control. At Tampa Bay Rowdies and New York Cosmos we were doing well until other people in the organisation thought they were better coaches. When officials go over your head to buy players, I call that tampering."

Firmani was fired by Cosmos in the middle of 1979 and finished the season coaching New Jersey Americans. The previous two seasons he had won the Soccer Bowl with Cosmos and likewise in 1975 with Tampa Bay Rowdies.



Linesman struck

THIRTY riot police wielding clubs charged the stands at the Breda Soccer Stadium in Holland after a linesman was struck with an iron bar.

The game between bottom of the table NAC and Feyenoord, the league leaders, was abandoned as the official was helped off with blood pouring from his head. The incident occurred in the 63rd minute after NAC forward Martin Vreysen had equalised.

Unruly fans had already interrupted the game several times before police moved in to clear the stands.



RESULTS

Italy Division One

Bologna 1, Inter Milan 2; Catanzaro 0, Avellino 0; Lazio 1, Perugia 1; AC Milan 2, Juventus 1; Napoli 3, Roma 0; Pescara 0, Ascoli 0; Torino 1, Fiorentina 1; Udinese 1, Cagliari 1.

Holland Division One

Eagles 0, Utrecht 0; Sparta 1, PEC Zwolle 0; Den Haag 2, NEC 0; MVV 2, PSV Eindhoven 1; Haarlem 3, Willem Two 1; Vitesse 1, AZ 67 1; Ajax 4, Roda 0; Excelsior 2, Twente Enschede 2; NAC 2, Feyenoord 2 (Match stopped after 63 minutes.)

Portugal Division One

Porto 3, Beira Mar 0; Rio Ave 1, Guimaraes 1; Setubal 1, Leiria 0; Benfica 4, Estoril 1; Portimonense 1, Belenenses 2; Braga 2, Sporting 3; Espinho 2, Varzim 0; Maritimo 1, Boavista 1.



Film furore

THE official film of the 1978 World Cup has been banned by FIFA because it is politically embarrassing.

The Brazilian-made film begins with Rodolfo Galimberti, a Montoneros guerrilla, guaranteeing his organization will not interfere with the World Cup. It includes a clip of the Argentina President Jorge Videla assuring there is freedom in his country, to the accompaniment of jeers and whistles in the background.

A goal-by-goal review of the tournament is sandwiched between shots of troops with machine guns guarding each stadium.

Argentina demanded that FIFA drop the film, which they did. And the military junta banned it in its home country.

But the Brazilians have turned the movie into an instant box-office hit.

It is being billed as the film that was banned in Argentina.



Snail pace

FRANCE defeated the United States 3-0 in a friendly game - but they were whistled and jeered by their own fans for lack of effort after building up a three-goal half-time lead.

Scorers in the game, played before 25,000 spectators at the Parc Des Princes Stadium were Platini, Wagner and Amisse.



Fans see red!

BOTH teams had a player sent off, as Spain suffered a shock setback to their hopes of an early passage to the European Championships. A fifth-minute goal by Surjak gave Yugoslavia a surprise 1-0 victory.

Spain, needing only one point from two matches to qualify from Group Three, disappointed their 40,000 fans.

The fireworks came late in the game. Alesanco of Spain was sent off for fouling in the 79th minute and Yugoslavia's Primorac suffered a similar fate in injury time for arguing with Scottish referee McKinlay.

Spain's final game is against Cyprus on December 9.



Up the pole

POLAND defeated Iceland 2-0 to climb to the top of Group Four of the European Championship but their failure to build-up a big scoreline could cost them dear.

Holland still remain favourites to make the finals in Rome next summer. They are one point behind Poland with a game in hand.



Swedes checked

CZECHOSLOVAKIA crushed Sweden 4-1 in Prague to move within an ace of qualifying for the European Championship finals.

The Czechs, who scored through Vizek (2), Nehoda and Kozak, completely outplayed Sweden to stay at the top of Group Five with a maximum eight points from four matches.

Next they only need two points from their last two games - against bottom-placed Luxembourg and France-to qualify.

Robertson 7.
Bolton: McDonagh 6, Clement 6 (sub. McNab 5), Burke 5, Allardye 4, Jones 5, Walsh 5, Morgan 6.
★WHATMORE 7, Gowing 6, Nicholson 5, Thompson 5.
Referee: A. Challinor (Rotherham)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

WBA (3) 4 (Deehan 30, Owen 32, Robson 44, Brown, A 60)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0
 Att: 22,500
WBA: Godden 8, Batson 8, Statham 7, Mills 6, Wile 6, Pendrey 7, Robson 6, ★**BROWN, A 9,** Deehan 7, Owen 7 (sub. Treweek 6), Brown, T 6.
Southampton: ★**GENNOE 8,** Hebbard 7, Peach 6, Williams 6, Watson 6, Waldron 5, Ball 6, Boyer 6, Channon 5, George 5, Holmes 6.
Referee: N. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

Division Two

BIRMINGHAM (0) 2 (Lynex 71, Gemmill 90)
SWANSEA (0) 0
 Att: 18,624
Birmingham: Wealands 7, Todd 6, Dennis 6, Curbishley 6, Gallagher 6, Towers 6, Ainscow 7, Lynex 7 (sub. Givens 6), Bertschin 6, ★**GEMMILL 8,** Johnston 7.
Swansea: Letheren 7, Attley 5, Rushbury 6, Charles 7, Phillips 6, ★**STEVENSON 8,** Craig 6, Mahoney 6, James 6, Waddle 6, Callaghan 7.
Referee: L. F. Burden (Dorset)
Match Rating: ★★

BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 3 (Aitken 19, White 64, Penny 88)
CHARLTON (0) 0
 Att: 5,472
Bristol Rovers: Thomas 7, Bater 6, Williams 7, ★**MABBUTT 8,** Harding 6, Aitken 7, Barrowclough 6, Emmanuel 6, White 7, Penny 7, Clarke 6.
Charlton: Johns 6, Hazells 6, ★**WARMAN 8,** Shaw 5 (sub. Booth 6), Berry 6, Madden 6, Powell 6, Grit 7, Robinson 7, Walker 6, Wilson 6.
Referee: D. K. Lloyd (Worcester)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

CAMBRIDGE (1) 1 (Gibbins 42)
ORIENT (1) 1 (Chiedoie 18)
 Att: 5,151
Cambridge: Webster 7, Turner 6, Smith 5, Stringer 6, Fallon 6, Cozens 6, Biley 7, ★**SPRIGGS 8,** Finney 7 (sub. Murray), O'Neil 6, Gibbins 7.
Orient: ★**DAY 8,** Fisher 6, Roffey 6, Went 6, Gray 6, Taylor 6, Chiedoie 7, Hughton 6, Mayo 6, Moores 6 (sub. Jennings 7), Coates 7.
Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

CARDIFF (1) 1 (Moore 45)
CHELSEA (0) 2 (Frost 54, Fillery 69)
 Att: 16,328
Cardiff: Healey 6, Jones 6, Sullivan 6, Campbell 7, Iontin 6, Dwyer 7, Bishop 5, Stevens 5, ★**MOORE 8,** Ronson 5, Buchanan 6.
Chelsea: ★**BOROTA 9,** Locke 7, Wilkins 7, Bumstead 8, Droy 7, Chivers 7, Britton 6, Fillery 7, Frost 6, Johnson 7, Harris 8.
Referee: M. Baker (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆
Sending Off: Chivers (Chelsea)

FULHAM (1) 1 (Davies 43)
NOTTS COUNTY (1) 3 (Hooks 11, McCulloch 49, 56)
 Att: 6,190
Fulham: Peyton 7 (sub. Greenaway 6), Peters 7, Strong 7, Bullivant 6, ★**MONEY 8,** Gale 7, Marinello 6, Beck 7, Guthrie 6, Lock 7, Davies 7.
Notts County: Avramovic 6, Richards 6, O'Brien 7, Hunt 8, Stubbs 8, Blockley 7, McCulloch 8, ★**MASSON 9,** Hooks 7, Benjamin 8, Mair 7.
Referee: M. J. Taylor (Kent)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

OLDHAM (0) 1 (Holt 71)
LEICESTER (0) 1 (Young 67)
 Att: 10,297
Oldham: McDonnell 6, Wood 6, Edwards 7, Hilton 6, Clements 6, Holt 6, Valentine 7, Blair 7, ★**HALOM 8,** Atkinson 6, Heaton 6.
Leicester: Wallington 7, Williams 7, Rofe 6, Peake 6, ★**MAY 8,** Welsh 6, Byrne 6, Henderson 6, Young 7, Wilson 6 (sub. Lineker), Smith 7.
Referee: P. Partridge (Bishop Auckland)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

PRESTON (2) 3 (Bruce 3, Thomson 45, 81)
BURNLEY (1) 2 (Dobson 23, James 80)
 Att: 12,300
Preston: Tunks 7, Taylor 7, Cameron 7, Burns 6, Baxter 7, Blackley 8, Bell 8, Haslegrave 7, Elliott 6 (sub. Potts), ★**THOMSON, R 9,** Bruce 7.
Burnley: Stevenson 6, ★**SCOTT 9,** Brennan 7, Noble 8, Thomson, J 7, Rodaway 7, James 6, Dobson 6, Fletcher 6, Young 7, Kindon 7.
Referee: G. E. Flint (Kirkby, Ashfield)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

SHREWSBURY (2) 3 (Biggins 8, 13, 66)
WREXHAM (1) 1 (Whittle 44)
 Att: 11,007
Shrewsbury: Wardle 6, Hayes 6, Larkin 6, Turner 6 (sub. Cross 6), Griffin 7, Keay 7, Tong 8, Aitkins 8, Chapman 7, ★**BIGGINS 9,** Birch 6.
Wrexham: Davies 7, Darracott 6, Dwyer 6 (sub. Whittle 7), Davis 6, Roberts 6, ★**GILES 8,** Hill 6, Sutton 6, McNeil 6, Buxton 7, Fox 6.
Referee: D. Civil (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

SUNDERLAND (3) 3 (Robson, pen 20, 22, Hawley 28)
QPR (0) 0

Att: 25,201
Sunderland: Siddall 5, Whitworth 8, Gilbert 8, Clarke 8, Elliott 8, Hindmarch 8, Arnott 8, Lee 7, Hawley 7, ★**ROBSON 9,** Dunn 8.
QPR: Woods 7, Shanks 6, Gillard 7, McCreery 6, Hazell 6, ★**WICKS 8,** Bowles 6, Roeder 6, Allen 6 (sub. Walsh 6), Goddard 6, Burke 6.
Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

WATFORD (0) 2 (Mercer 72, Blissett 78)
NEWCASTLE (0) 0
 Att: 17,715
Watford: Rankin 6, How 6, Harrison 6, Booth 7, Sims 7, Bolton 6, Cassells 7, Blissett 6, ★**MERCER 8,** Train 7, Rostron 7.
Newcastle: Hardwick 6, Brownlie 7, Davies 5, Martin 5, Barton 6, ★**BOAM 8,** Shoulder 6, Cassidy 5 (sub. Cartwright 6), Withe 6, Hibbitt 5, Connelly 5.
Referee: J. Bray (Hinckley)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Allen 63)
LUTON (2) 2 (Stein 16, Saxby 37)
 Att: 25,049
West Ham: Parkes 7, ★**STEWART 8,** Lampard 6, Bonds 6, Martin 6, Holland 7, Allen 6, Lansdowne 5, Cross 6, Pike 5, Neighbour 6.
Luton: Findlay 7, Stephens 7, Donaghy 6, ★**GREALISH 8,** Saxby 7, Price 6, Hill 6, West 7, Stein 7, Ingram 7, Moss 6.
Referee: W. H. Bombroff (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

Division Three

BURY (1) 1 (Gregory 23)
SHEFFIELD UNITED (1) 2 (Kenworthy 9, Constantine, og 79)
 Att: 8,347
Bury: Forrest 7, Constantine 7,

★**WHITEHEAD 8,** Howard 6, Kennedy 7, Wilson 7, Lugg 5, Madden 6, Beamish 5, Gregory 6, Taylor 6 (sub. Johnson).
Sheff Utd: Conroy 7, Speight 7, ★**McPHAIL 8,** Kenworthy 7, Tibbott 7, De Goeij 6, Matthews 7, Garner 6, Bourne 6, Butlin 6, Sabella 6 (sub. Moore).
Referee: F. Phipps (Wrexham)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

BRENTFORD (1) 2 (McNichol 9, Phillips 51)
BLACKBURN (0) 0
 Att: 7,970
Brentford: Bond 7, Salman 8, Tucker 7, ★**McNICHOL 9,** Kruse 7, Fraser 6, Carlton 7, Graham 7, Smith 7, Alder 6, Phillips 8 (sub. Holmes 7).
Blackburn: Arnold 7, Rathbone 6, Morley 6, Kendall 7, Keeley 7, Fazackerley 6, Brotherton 6, ★**PARKES 8,** McKenzie 7, Crawford 7, Stonehouse 6.
Referee: R. Robinson (Suffolk)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

CARLISLE (1) 3 (Bonnyman 9, Bannon 86, McVitie 90)
BARNLEY (0) 1 (Lester 86)
 Att: 5,107
Carlisle: Swinburne 6, Hoolickin 6, Winstanley 7, MacDonald 6, Beardsley 7, Parker 6, McVitie 6, ★**BONNYMAN 8,** Bannon 7, Hamilton 7, Staniforth 7.
Barnley: Pierce 6, Flavell 7, Chambers 6, Glavin 7, Collins 7, McCarthy 6, Banks 7, Clarke 7, Riley 6, ★**LESTER 8,** Bell 6.
Referee: A. Dobson (Blackburn)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

CHESTER (1) 2 (Sutcliffe 3, Jones 73)
HULL (1) 1 (Tait 43)
 Att: 3,209
Chester: Lloyd 7, Raynor 5, Walker 5, Storton 6, Cottam 6, Oakes 7, ★**SUTCLIFFE 8,** Jones 7, Edwards 5, Phillips 6, Henderson 7.
Hull: Blackburn 5, Nisbet 6, de Vries 7, Croft 7, Dobson 5, ★**TAIT 8,** Roberts 6, Moss 7, Bannister 6, Phillips 7, Farley 6.
Referee: D. Webb (Sale)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

CHESTERFIELD (0) 0
WIMBLEDON (0) 0
 Att: 5,122
Chesterfield: Tirgay 6, Tartt 5, ★**O'NEILL 8,** Ridley 7, Green 6, Hunter 7, Birch 6, Moss 5, Walker 6, Salmons 7, Crawford 7.
Wimbledon: Goddard 7, Perkins 7, ★**JONES 8,** Galliers 7, Bowgett 6, Cunningham 6, Ketteridge 5, Parsons 7, Dziadulewicz 7, Cork 6, Lewington 5.
Referee: J. M. Warner (Wednesbury)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

GILLINGHAM (0) 0
GRIMSBY (0) 1 (Kilmore 70)
 Att: 6,378
Gillingham: Hillyard 6, Sharpe 7, Barker 6, ★**OVERTON 8,** Weatherley 7, Crabb 6, Hughes 6, Bruce 6, Price 6, Westwood 7, Richardson 6 (sub. Funnell 6).
Grimsbby: Batts 6, Moore, D 7, Moore, K 6, Waters 7, Wiggington 6, Crombie 7, Broily 6, Kilmore 7 (sub. Liddell), Drinkel 7, ★**MITCHELL 8,** Cummings 6.
Referee: R. Toseland (Market Harborough)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

MILLWALL (1) 2 (Seasman 35, Lyons 84)
MANSFIELD (1) 2 (Austin 81, 89)
 Att: 6,049
Millwall: Jackson 6, Donaldson 7, Gregory 6, Chatterton 7, Tagg 6, Blyth 7, ★**TOWNER 8,** Seasman 7, Mitchell 6, Lyons 6, Kinsella 6.
Mansfield: Arnold 7, Dawkins 6, Wood 5, ★**HAMILTON 8,** Bird 7, McClelland 7, Lathan 6, Taylor 6, Austin 7, Mann 6, Allen 6 (sub. Curtis).
Referee: J. E. Martin (Hants)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆



Despite two goals by Roger Wylde Sheffield Wednesday collected only a point at home to Oxford.

PLYMOUTH (0) 1 (Kemp 63)
ROTHERHAM (0) 0
 Att: 4,850
 Plymouth: Crudgington 7, Hodges 6, McNeil 7, James 7, Foster 7, Bason 6, ★**RANDELL 8**, Kemp 7, Trusson 5, Harrison 6, Johnson 6.
 Rotherham: Mountford 7, Forrest 6, Tiler 6, Rhodes 5, ★**STANCLIFFE 8**, Breckin 7, Gooding 5, McEwan 4, Gwyther 5, Fern 6, Finney 5.
 Referee: R. Lewis (Great Bookham)
 Match Rating: ★★

READING (0) 2 (Hetzke 52, Kearney 75)
EXETER (0) 1 (Pearson 83)
 Att: 6,083
 Reading: Death 6, Hetzke 6, ★**WHITE 7**, Bowman 6, Shipperley 5, Moreline 6, Earles 6, Kearney 6, Heale 4 (sub. Alexander 5), Sanchez 6, Wanklyn 5.
 Exeter: O'Keefe 6, Mitchell 6, ★**HATCH 7**, Hore 6, Giles 5, Forbes 5 (sub. Pearson), Neville 6, Rogers 6, Bowkers 6, Delve 6, Pullar 6.
 Referee: K. G. Salman (Barnet)
 Match Rating: ★★

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (1) 2 (Wylde 7, 65)
OXFORD (1) 2 (Jeffrey 18, Hodgson 64)
 Att: 13,035
 Sheff Wed: Cox 7, Johnson 7, Grant 8, Smith 7, Mullen 8, Taylor 6 (sub. Mellor), Wylde 8, Porterfield 8, Lowey 6, King 7, ★**CURRAN 9**.
 Oxford: ★**BROWN 9**, Taylor 7, Watson 6, Briggs 7, Stott 7, Jeffrey 7, White 6, Duncan 7, Foley 8, Cooke 8 (sub. Graydon), Hodgson 7.
 Referee: D. G. Richardson (Lincoln)
 Match Rating: ★★

SWINDON (0) 1 (Mayes 87)
SOUTHEND (0) 0
 Att: 6,207
 Swindon: Allan 6, Templeman 5, Lewis 6, McHale 5, Tucker 6, Stroud 6, Miller 6, Carter 6, Rowland 5, ★**MAYES 7**, Williams 5.
 Southend: ★**CUSACK 8**, Keeley 7, Dudley 6, Moody 6, Walker 7, Stead 6, Otulakowski 7, Tuohy 6, Pountney 7, Nelson 7 (sub. Hull 5), Gray 5.
 Referee: L. C. Shapter (Newton Abbott)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (Chambers 44)
HUDDERSFIELD (2) 3 (Cowling 41, Fletcher 43, Laverick 88)
 Att: 4,895
 Bournemouth: Allen 6, Cunningham 6, Ferns 6, Impey 7, Bryant 7, Chambers 7, Holder 7, Massey 6, Butler 6, ★**BORTHWICK 8**, Heffernan 6 (sub. MacDougall 6).
 Huddersfield: Starling 7, Brown 7, Robertson 7, Stanton 7, Sutton 7, Topping 7, Laverick 7, Hart 7, Fletcher 7, Robins 7, ★**COWLING 8**.
 Referee: D. Letts (Basingstoke)
 Match Rating: ★★

CREWE (1) 2 (Guy 12, Chesters 73)
ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Wann 65)
 Att: 2,129
 Crewe: Felgate 5, Lewis 6, Bowers 6, Hunter 6, Scott 6, ★**PROPHET 8**, Davies 6, Guy 7, Chesters 7, Bevan 6, Nelson 6.
 Rochdale: Watson 7, Cliff 5, Milligan 5, Weir 6, Waldron 5, Taylor 6, Esser 7, ★**WANN 8**, Hilditch 5, O'Loughlin 5 (sub. Jones 6), McDermott 5.
 Referee: B. Hill (Wellingborough)
 Match Rating: ★★

HALIFAX (1) 2 (Kennedy 2, Firth 60)
WALSALL (0) 1 (Penn 72)
 Att: 3,184
 Halifax: Kilner 7, Dunleavy 6, ★**HUTT 8**, Evans 6 (sub. Goodman 6), Harris 7, Hendie 5, Thomas 5, Kennedy 5, Mountford 5, Firth 6, Burke 5.
 Walsall: Green 6, Macken 7, Mower 7, ★**SBRAGIA 8**, Serella 6, Paul 7, Penn 6, Waddington 7, McDonough 6, Buckley 6 (sub. Williams 7), Caswell 7.
 Referee: N. Midgely (Salford)
 Match Rating: ★★

NORTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Farmer 28, 52)
HEREFORD (0) 0
 Att: 2,319
 Northampton: Jayes 7, Walker 7, Sandercock 6, Byatt 8, Waldoock 7, Farrington 6, Denyer 7, Townsend 6, Sargent 7, Riley 8, ★**FARMER 9**.
 Hereford: Hughes 7, ★**PRICE 8**, Burrows 6, Hunt 7, Leyton 6, Birchenall 7, Seeley 5 (sub. Cunningham 6), Spiring 6, McGrellis 6, Jones 6, White 6.
 Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)
 Match Rating: ★★

PETERBOROUGH (1) 2 (Parkinson 8, 81)
HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
 Att: 3,412
 Peterborough: Waugh 6, Phillips 5, Collins 5, Chard 6, Carmichael 7, Foster 6, Gynn 6, Kellock 7, Cliss 6, ★**PARKINSON 8**, Robson 6 (sub. Guy 6).
 Hartlepool: Burleigh 6, Sweeney 6, Normanton 5, Lawrence 6, Carr 7, Ayres 5, Hogan 6 (sub. Larkin), Houchen 6, Newton 6, ★**HARDING 8**, Loadwick 6.
 Referee: D. Hedges (Oxford)
 Match Rating: ★★

PORTSMOUTH (3) 4 (Ashworth 1, 44, Rogers 34, Garwood 88)
BRADFORD CITY (0) 1 (Dolan 55)
 Att: 23,871
 Portsmouth: Mellor 6, Ellis 6, Aizlewood 7, Davey 6, Styles 7, Brisley 6, Laidlaw 7, Bryant 7, Garwood 6, ★**ASHWORTH 8**, Rogers 6 (sub. Todd).
 Bradford: Smith 7, Reaney 6, Baines 7, Cooper 7, Watson 6, Wood 6, Bates 6, ★**DOLAN 8**, Staniforth 5, McNiven 5, Martinez 5 (sub. Podd 6).
 Referee: M. J. Bidmead (Chesterington)
 Match Rating: ★★

PORT VALE (2) 2 (Farrell 12, Beech 40)
DARLINGTON (0) 0
 Att: 2,618
 Port Vale: Dance 7, Keenan 6, Griffiths 6, Beech 7, Sproson 6, Bentley 7, Jones 5, Farrell 7, Wright 6 (sub. Tully 4), Chamberlain 7, ★**HEALY 8**.
 Darlington: Owers 6, Coleman 6, Cochrane 5, Natrass 4 (sub. Ball 4), ★**BAINBRIDGE 8**, Smith 5, McLean 6, Charlton 4, Ferguson 6, Ellis 4, Walsh 7.
 Referee: A. J. Hamil (Wolverhampton)
 Match Rating: ★★

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Keeley 89)
NEWPORT (2) 3 (Aldridge 1, 80, Lowndes 14)
 Att: 1,875
 Scunthorpe: Gordon 6, Davy 6, Peacock 7, Deere 7, ★**EARL 9**, Oates 6, O'Berg 7, Cammack 6, Green 7, Partridge 7, Keeley 6.
 Newport: Plumley 7, Walden 7, Relish 6, Davies 7, Oakes 6, Bailey 6, Vaughan 7, Lowndes 6, Goddard 6, ★**ALDRIDGE 8**, Moore 7.
 Referee: G. J. Napthine (Loughborough)
 Match Rating: ★★

WIGAN (1) 2 (Houghton 39, 67)
LINCOLN (1) 1 (Wright, og 34)
 Att: 5,454
 Wigan: Brown 7, Fretwell 6, Hinnigan 6, Gore 6, Methven 6, Davids 6, Corrigan 7, Wright 5, ★**HOUGHTON 8**, Moore 6 (sub. Quinn 7), Urquhart 6.
 Lincoln: Grotier 6, Guest 6, Neale 6, Watson 6, Saunders 6, ★**PEAKE 8**, Hobson 6, Carr 6, Harford 7, Sunley 5 (sub. Cunningham 6), Cockerill 7.
 Referee: C. N. Seel (Carlisle)
 Match Rating: ★★

TORQUAY (1) 2 (Cooper 20, Bourne 62)
ALDRSHOT (1) 1 (McGregor 4)
 Att: 4,057
 Torquay: Turner 7, Pethard 7, Ritchie 7, Hagan 7, Bourne 6, ★**FERMANNI 9**, Davies 6, Lawrence 6, Cooper 8, Twitchin 7, Murphy 6 (sub. Coffill).
 Aldershot: Johnson 7, Howitt 7 (sub. Green), Wooler 7, Dixon 7, Bennett 6, Jopling 7, Crosby 6, Brodie 7, French 6, Dungworth 6, ★**McGREGOR 8**.
 Referee: T. Spencer (Salisbury)
 Match Rating: ★★

ALDRSHOT: Johnson 7, Howitt 7 (sub. Green), Wooler 7, Dixon 7, Bennett 6, Jopling 7, Crosby 6, Brodie 7, French 6, Dungworth 6, ★McGREGOR 8. Referee: T. Spencer (Salisbury) Match Rating: ★★

Scottish Premier Division

ABERDEEN (0) 1 (Davidson 62)
PARTICK THISTLE (1) 1 (Doyle 44)
 Att: 12,000
 Aberdeen: Clark 6, Kennedy 5, McLeish 7, McMaster 7, Garner 6, ★**MILLER 8**, Strachan 7, Archibald 6, Harper 5, Jarvie 6 (sub. Bell 5), Scanlon 6 (sub. Davidson 6).
 Partick: ★**ROUGH 8**, MacKinnon 6, Whittaker 6, Campbell 7, Marr 5, O'Hara 5 (sub. Doyle 7), Park 7, Gibson 6, McGregor 6, McAdam 5, Love 5.
 Referee: H. Alexander (Irvine)
 Match Rating: ★★

DUNDEE (1) 1 (Sinclair 41)
DUNDEE UNITED (0) 0
 Att: 16,325
 Dundee: ★**DONALDSON 8**, Barr 7, Schaefer 6, Millar 6, Glennie 6, Caldwell 7, Fletcher 6, McGeachie 6, Sinclair 6, Redford 6 (sub. Shirra 6), Murphy 5.
 Dundee Utd: McAlpine 6, Stark 6, Kopel 5, Phillip 6, Hegarty 6, Narey 7, Addison 5 (sub. Kirkwood 5), Sturrock 6, Pettigrew 5 (sub. Docherty 6), Fleming 5, ★**PAYNE 10**.
 Referee: C. J. White (Glasgow)
 Match Rating: ★★

KILMARNOCK (1) 1 (Houston 18)
ST MIRREN (0) 1 (Stark 73)
 Att: 6,500
 Kilmarnock: McCulloch 7, McLean 7, Robertson 6, Clark 5, Clarke 6, ★**McDICKEN 8**, Houston 7, Maxwell 5, Bourke 5, Mauchlen 5, Gibson 7.
 St Mirren: Thomson 6, Young 7, Munro 7, ★**RICHARDSON 8**, Fulton 7, Copland 7, Weir 6, Stark 6, Bone 6, Abercrombie 6, Torrance 6.
 Referee: J. A. R. Wales (Cumbernauld)
 Match Rating: ★★

MORTON (0) 1 (Thomson 32)
CELTIC (0) 0
 Att: 18,000
 Morton: ★**BAINES 9**, Hayes 7, Holmes 7, Anderson 8, Orr 8, McLaren 7, McNeil 7, Brown 6, Thomson 7, Hutchison 6 (sub. Tolmie 8), Ritchie 7.
 Celtic: Latchford 7, Sneddon 7, Lynch 6, Aitken 7, McDonald 6, McAdam 6, ★**PROVAN 8** (sub. Conroy 5), Lennox 6, McCluskey 5, MacLeod 5, Burns 6.
 Referee: R. B. Valentine (Dundee)
 Match Rating: ★★

RANGERS (1) 2 (Smith 43, Miller, pen 57)
HIBERNIAN (0) 0
 Att: 25,000
 Rangers: McCloy 6, Jardine 7, Forsyth, A. 6, Stevens 7, Jackson 7 (sub. McLean 6), MacDonald 7, ★**COOPER 8**, Miller 6, Johnstone 6, Urquhart 6 (sub. McDonald 6), Smith 7, Hibs: McArthur 7, Brazil 6, Brown, J. 6 (sub. McGlinchey 6), ★**RAE 8**, Paterson 6, McNamara 6, Brown, S. 6, Ward 5 (sub. Campbell 6), Hutchinson 5, MacLeod 6, Higgins 6.
 Referee: D. Syme (Rutherglen)
 Match Rating: ★★
 Sending Off: McNamara (Hibs)

Division One

AIRDRIE (1) 4 (Walker 26, Clark 55, Lapsley 60, pen 66)
MOTHERWELL (0) 0
 Att: 5,000

AYR UNITED (0) 2 (Morris 46, Christie 67)
ARBROATH (1) 1 (Wilson 37)
 Att: 2,408

CLYDE (1) 1 (Dolan 38)
BERWICK (2) 2 (Tait 18, Cross 37)
 Att: 1,200

CLYDEBANK (0) 4 (Sweeney 64, 71, 84, McCormick 68)
HAMILTON (0) 0
 Att: 1,000

HEARTS (1) 2 (Fraser 30, 77)
DUNFERMLINE (0) 1 (Rolland 66)
 Att: 6,000

RAITH (1) 1 (Carroll 3)
STIRLING (1) 1 (Kennedy 35)
 Att: 1,200

ST JOHNSTONE (1) 2 (Brannigan 39, Lawson 58)
DUMBARTON (3) 4 (Gallacher 8, Sharp 15, Blair 35, Coyle 84)
 Att: 2,056

Division Two

BRECHIN CITY (0) 2 (Campbell 51, Elvin 80)
STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 3 (Jenkins 43, Hotchkiss 73, Gaines 74)
 Att: 400

EAST STIRLING (2) 2 (Lamont 11, Rennie 22)
EAST FIFE (0) 1 (Huskie 49)
 Att: 500

FALKIRK (2) 3 (McRoberts 38, McDowell 39, Hay 83)
QUEENS PARK (0) 0
 Att: 2,000

MEADOWBANK (0) 1 (Jobson 52)
FORFAR (0) 0
 Att: 300

MONTROSE (0) 0
ALBION (1) 2 (Newman 4, 57)
 Att: 800

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 0
ALLOA (0) 1 (Morris 84)
 Att: 1,000

STRANRAER (0) 0
COWDENBEATH (0) 2 (Marshall 80, Harley 83)
 Att: 890



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Hawley deals in goals

IT didn't surprise Sunderland that their £200,000 new signing quickly added a touch of old fashioned class to their team. After all, John Hawley is an antique dealer.

"He's also a helluva good player," said Sunderland boss Ken Knighton. After Hawley's debut performance against Manchester City in the League Cup 30,000 Roker fans were in complete agreement.

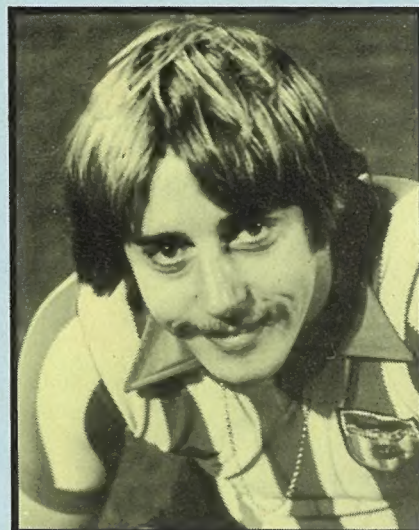
They were even more convinced three days later when big John scored a hat trick in Sunderland's 4-0 win over Charlton Athletic.

Hawley, 25, is a nice guy with a dry sense of humour. He said: "I had no problems about the first two goals – I'm lethal from one yard out!"

He also revealed that the last time he scored a hat trick he was playing for Mill Lane in the Hull Sunday League. "That was eight years ago," he said. "I hope I don't have to wait as long again to score another."

Hawley was Leeds United's top scorer last season with 17 goals. Early indications are that he will be high on the Sunderland scoresheet at the end of the season.

He has quickly forged a link with Pop Robson and Barry Dunn in Sunderland's front line and emphasises he has no regrets about dropping into the Second Division.



John Hawley – the new Sunderland signing is a 'helluva good player', says manager Ken Knighton.

He said: "Sunderland is a big club that pulls in large crowds. And their support is magnificent. The potential at Roker Park is unlimited."

Sunderland are the bookmakers' favourites to climb back to Division One at the end of the season – and Hawley believes they are right.

If Sunderland are promoted, there is little doubt that John Hawley will have made a sizeable contribution to that achievement.

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Quiz Answers

- Colchester
- Dave Watson
- Dundee United
- Tom Ritchie, of Bristol City
- Kees Kist, of AZ 67 Alkmaar
- Vancouver Whitecaps
- a. York. b. Barnsley. c. Bradford City
- Paul Heggarty
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THE five lucky winners of **MATCH WEEKLY's** Crossword No. 4, which appeared in our October 4 issue, are: David Scally, 3 Manly Drive, Ilkley, West Yorks; Steven Bedlington, 14 Seymour Close, Marske by the Sea, Redcar, Cleveland; Gary Deans, 28 Whiston Avenue, Ashmore Park Estate, Wolverhampton; C. Marriott, 17 Spring Road, Kempston, Beds;

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Crossword Solution

Across 1. Snap up 4. Curtis 7. Blackpool 9. Tire 10. Mean 11. Peter 13. Hunter 14. Dances 15. Oxford 17. Ronson 19. Super 20. Earl 22. West 23. Doncaster 24. Langan 25. Nodded

Down 1. Switch 2. Pole 3. Packer 4. Capped 5. Room 6. Shanks 7. Brentford 8. Leicester 11. Peers 12. Razor 15. O'Neill 16. Duncan 17. Reason 18. Netted 21. Long 22. Weed

The 'Blues'

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